MGW
MOM...GUESS WHAT!
NEWSPAPER
Serving Sacramento since 1978 | Issue #164 | February 15, 1991

50¢

Soviet Union & gays page 3
Media Watch page 9
The Grifters page 17
Coping with grief page 19

Rape: Is it a hate crime?

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- An evening of dancing and fun with friends at Sacramento's popular gay bar, Faces, ended in the terror of beating, kidnap, and rape for a non-gay Sacramento woman in the early morning hours of Monday, Feb. 11.

The 34-year-old woman, whose identity is withheld to protect her privacy, left Faces at 1:30 a.m. and walked to her car a half block away on K Street. She was accosted by two men who forced her into her car at knifepoint. As they drove around she was repeatedly raped, beaten and subject to forced oral copulation.

Sometime later suspects drove the car into a gas station at 28th and J Streets in order to get gas. At the time one of the suspects left the vehicle, during that time the woman gained consciousness and screamed for help. Alert bystanders called police but the suspects had already driven away. The woman was taken about a block away and was again beaten and kicked by her assailants as they dropped her in a parking lot and fled.

The victim was found by police and taken to University of California Davis Medical Center where she was treated for injuries including a knife slash in the side.

Police are not listing the crime in their hate crimes statistics because there is nothing in the report to indicate that the suspects called the victim any names or said anything to her to indicate they were attacking her because they thought her to be a lesbian. Under penal code Section 422.6 which outlines the conditions under which hate crimes are committed -- race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin and sexual orientation are included, however, gender is not included as one of the protected categories.

The woman's car has not been recovered at this time.▼

Demonstrators in Sacramento for the Formal Protest Against War.

Photo by Pamela Coffey

Die Now: Get dishonorable discharge later

By Jim Walker
Managing Editor

The first full-scale war since the emergence of an active gay-rights movement continues to raise sensitive issues for the military and for gays serving in the Persian Gulf.

Gay veterans groups and gay-rights attorneys say the military has relaxed its ban on homosexuals in recent weeks, but still plans to throw them out after the war is over.

The Pentagon, however, insists there has been no change in policy, but at least 14 gay and lesbian reservists around the country were cleared to serve in the Gulf war, even after disclosing their sexual orientation to their respective unit commanders.

But according to lawyers for the

See *Die Now* on page 6

NGLTF position paper says gays and lesbians are "detrimentally affected" by Persian Gulf war

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGTLF) has opposed the Persian Gulf war, saying it "directly and detrimentally affects the lives of gays and lesbians and the aspirations for equality of the gay and lesbian community."

"In presenting this position paper on the war, we are choosing to focus on what we know best -- the lesbian and gay community," states the paper. "But we also are acutely aware that the war raises issues affecting the entire nation and the world. Nonetheless, we remain convinced the war is a tragedy for everyone involved -- including those on the battle lines and at home -- and that a peaceful, diplomatic settlement best serves that legitimate aspirations of all human beings."

The position paper does not oppose "the brave individuals fighting on the front lines for our country. Those individuals are, in many instances, our loved ones." Instead, says NGLTF, " we are deeply concerned that this war will allow our political leaders to ignore the pressing problems faced by the gay and lesbian community."

The impact of the war on domestic programs -- especially the diversion of funds and attention from AIDS and health care, among other crises -- is cited as a major source of opposition.

"Reports indicate we could spend $1 billion a day on the war," states NGLTF. "In a matter of days, the military operations in the Gulf cost the equivalent of the entire 1991 federal appropriations for AIDS. In a matter of hours, the U.S. spent [in Operation Desert Storm] the same amount as the 1991 appropriations for the Ryan White AIDS Resource Emergency Act."

"Yet, when we lobby for AIDS funding or funding for any of our domestic objectives, we are told

see *Paper* on page 6

Military ban on homosexuality confronted

Legal director, Paul A. Di Donato announced that NGRA had undertaken the representation of two lesbians serving in the military reserves who are confronting the military's exclusion policy regarding gays and lesbians.

Di Donato said that "gays and lesbians who want to and are able to serve in the military, consistent with their conscience, at all times. This is not a 'pro' or 'anti' military issue. It's a civil right matter."

Linda Z. Brotemarkle, who holds the rank of sergeant in the Army Reserves, spent four years on active duty (1981-1985) and two years on active reserve (1988-1990). Brotemarkle said that "Because the military considers 'homosexuality incompatible with military service' I found myself in a difficult position. Either I remain closeted and forever fearful of discovery and its

See *Confronting* on page 6

Health insurance now available for PWAs

California residents can now buy health insurance regardless of health status and regardless of past denial or cancellation from other insurance companies.

This program, the State of California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program, subsidizes insurance companies to provide health coverage to persons otherwise uninsurable due to chronic illness. Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Pacific Mutual have joined the Major Risk program and offer major risk insurance through "preferred provider" plans.

While $30 million is available from tobacco taxes (Prop 99), this will provide coverage for only 10,000 people. According to one estimate, 25 times that many Californians are now uninsured due to health status.

Don't delay....this program could be closed in just a few weeks if the response is what everyone is expecting.

For more information: Franklin Kakies, Lambda Community Center 442-0185 or write MRMIP 744 P street, Room 1077, Sacramento, CA 95814, 324-4695.▼

staff & information

MGW NEWSPAPER

1725 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
9-5 (Mon-Fri)

916-441-6397

For Men and Women of the Gay Community and Friends

STAFF

Publisher/Editor L.D. Birner
Ofc Mgr/Typographer Cheryl Strickland
Managing Editor Jim Walker
Creative Director Mike McGinnis
HIV/AIDS Editor Sonya Cox
Religion Editor John Williams
Camera Room Stephen Scott
Proofreaders Patricia DiGiorgio, Carrie Hudson
Cartoonists Charles Haver, Noreen Stevens
Consultant John Fogarty
Legal Counsel Metrailer & Langenkamp
Fiscal officer Ted Pfanner
Photographers Pamela Coffey, Dana Donahue, Art Farmer, Betty Garcia, Deborah Goldstein, Frank Lawler, Raoul Renaud, Kate Tavares
Writers Maria Albin, Wayne Anderson, John Batchelor, Joyce Bezaz, Joyce Bright, Lou Camera, Sonya Cox, Laura Enright, Walter Gorski, Karl Greene, Hal Griffiths, Joan B. Guertin, Drew Herzig, Matt Kennedy, Dr. David Kemp, Dr. Joanne Marrow, Terry Maloney, Tobias Maxwell, John Mello, Mikki Melton, Janet Mueller, Raoul Renaud, Dell Richards, M.R. Richards, Steve Sweetser, Ken Thompson, Catherine Whitney, John Williams, Carrie Wofford

ADVERTISING Anu Aaltonen 916-441-6397, Joe Di Sabato (New York) 908-754-4348

TYPESETTING GRAPHIC SERVICES business cards, logo design, brochures, flyers, photography, newsletters, etc.

SUBSCRIPTIONS $25/one year 24 issues All copies are mailed in envelopes.

INFORMATION

Mom Guess What Newspaper is published twice each month on the first and fifteenth.

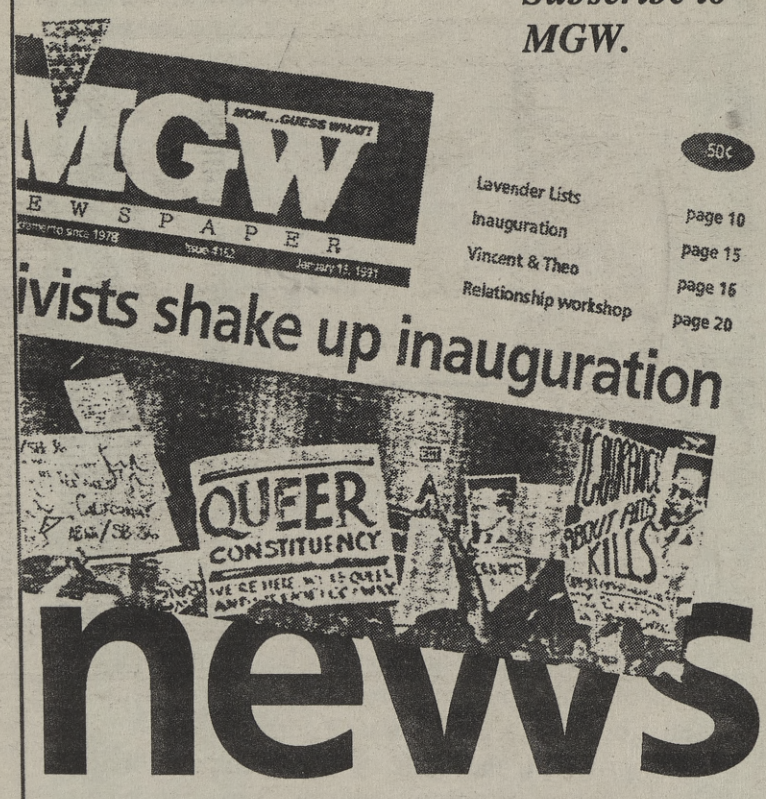
Copyright 1991 by MGW Publications. All rights reserved. No portion of MGW, including editorial features, advertising or artwork may be reproduced in whole or in part without the written permission of the publisher.

MGW can assume no liability for errors, whether made by the original news source or by MGW in summarizing or editing a story, beyond the printing of a correction or retraction. Opinions expressed in by-lined articles and letters are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent the opinions of MGW. Publication of the name, photograph or likeness of any person or organization in articles or advertising does not imply and is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation of such persons or organizations. Any similarity between individuals named or described in works of fiction or semi-fiction and actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

Readers are advised that MGW assumes no responsibility for claims made by any advertiser. Readers who have problems with advertisers are asked to report such problems to the address above. MGW reserves the right to reject any advertising for any reason. The Publisher and MGW Newspaper, shall not be liable for any error in published advertising unless an advertising proof is requested in writing and clearly marked for corrections. If the error is not corrected by the publisher, its liability, if any, shall not exceed the space occupied by the error. Further, the Publisher shall not be liable for any omission of an advertisement ordered to be published. On written request, the Publisher will reschedule and run the omitted advertisement at advertiser's cost. All claims for adjustment must be made within 30 days of date of publication. In no case shall the Publisher be liable for any general, special or consequential damages. Manuscripts, drawings and photographs may be submitted to the editorial offices. All reasonable care will be taken but no responsibility can be assumed for any unsolicited material. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must accompany all manuscripts, drawings or photographs submitted if they are to be returned. All letters addressed to MGW or its editors are assumed intended for publication. Names will be withheld upon request.

AFFILIATIONS Gay Press Association, Midtown Business Association, Alternative Press Syndicate

We've got it covered. Subscribe to MGW.



Dependable News - First and Foremost

Serving you with facts, figures and fun for over 13 years.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ *State* ____ *Zip* _____

○ *Check enclosed* ○ *Moving* ○ *Renewal*

Number of years at $25 per year _____ *Total* _____

Mail to MGW, 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

write

Silence and family

Dear Editor:

Someone in your family is probably gay or lesbian. If that is not known or spoken of in your family, then gay and lesbian people are "them" -- not a part of your family. It has been estimated that one out of three American families has someone in it who is gay or lesbian. Nothing to be silent about!

Your silence is helping bigotry and ignorance to multiply across this land. Your silence is encouraging verbal and physical assaults against gays and lesbians.

Why does the gay and lesbian community say: Silence = Death? AIDS activists created it to say: If we remain silent, waiting for the government to take action against AIDS, people will die. Likewise, we as family must raise our voices to end the silence about our members who are at risk for AIDS, who carry the virus, or who have died, so that the larger society around us can know we are all family ... so that our gay and lesbian members are not "them."

In all the stories of AIDS told through our news and entertainment media, something has always been missing: the real stories of the millions of people who are the families and friends of gay people with AIDS. Under-reported and under-represented are the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, lovers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers, sisters, grandmothers, grandfathers, and friends: the family.

As a gay man from the Midwest living in New York City, I have lost family and many friends to AIDS. I know of so many who, out of fear of rejection, didn't tell their families they were gay and/or ill. So they didn't get some of the support they needed. And worse, they didn't seek medical care when it could have helped. Their silence equalled death.

We, as family, must not let people with AIDS and HIV die of our embarrassment. You may be involved in some aspect of our society which helps create the images of gay men and lesbians that our nation comes to know and believe. It is because you are family, the core of American life, that you are listened to when you speak. Parents, siblings, relatives, and friends of gay men and lesbians and especially people with AIDS can make a difference in 1991. We can let America know AIDS is not going away because the family has arrived. We are all family. We won't be silent!

Rick Burd
New York City

W.E.A.V.E needs support today

Dear Editor:

We're in a time of crisis! Stress and anxiety about the future seem to have taken hold. The need for WEAVE crisis intervention services are at an all time high.

Since the war started, requests for services have doubled compared to the same period in prior years. More than 100 women called for help from our legal advocate. And 14 victims of rape required emergency services, most of them over on weekend!

The increase in numbers of battered women and victims of rape needing help, is stretching diminishing resources and funds beyond the limit during this recession.

A gift of $35 or more will enable WEAVE to respond to the icreased demands for help.

And thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

B.T. Collins
Board of Directors
Gail Jones
Executive Director
Box 161356
Sacramento 95816

Volunteer positions open

Dear Editor:

The Lambda Letters Project is proud to announce that it delivered over 4,100 letters on women's rights, lesbian and gay rights, and AIDS to legislators and other public officials during 1990. The project owes a great debt of gratitude to its many volunteers and to the community for the tremendous support that it received from them during the year. We are also grateful to California NOW, Life Lobby, and The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for the consistent assistance they gave us in selecting topics and in providing us with information about those topics.

The project spent approximately $6,200 or about $1.50 per letter, for copying, stationary, postage, and other costs during 1990. Lambda Letters has no paid employees.

Boyce Hinman, of Lambda Letters, has announced that his personal goal for 1991 is for the project to deliver over 6,000 letters in 1991. To accomplish this the project will need to raise about $9,000, and will need the assistance of volunteers.

The following volunteer positions are available: Callers/fundraisers, Community developers, Directors, Group collectors, Legislative analysts, Letter stuffers, Members.

We encourage anyone interested in donating time or funds, or who want additional information, to contact us at the address or phone number below.

Boyce R. Hinman
Lambda Letters Project
6212 Silverton Way
Carmichael 95608
965-6851

Definition of "queer"

Dear Editor:

In regards to the semantic quagmire of Queer Nation:

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary --
"queer (kwer) -- 1) differing in some odd way from what is usual or normal, 2) mildly insane, 3) absorbed or interested to an extreme or unreasonable degree, 4) sexual deviate: homosexual, 5) worthless counterfeit, 6) questionable suspicious, 7) not quite well."

Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language --
"queer (kwer) -- 1) strange or odd from a conventional viewpoint: unusually different, 2) of questionable nature or character; suspicious; shady, 3) not feeling physically right or well; giddy, faint or qualmish, 4) mentally unbalanced or deranged, 5) slang: (a) homosexual, (b) bad, worthless or counterfeit, 6) to spoil; ruin, 7) to put (a person) in a hopeless or disadvantageous situation as to success, favor, etc.

David Reid
West Hollywood

Kent State Reunion

Dear Editor:

The 1991 Gay and Lesbian Conference will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Kent Gay/Lesbian Foundation, formally the Kent Gay Liberation Front, the weekend of April 19-21, 1991, at Kent State University.

A reunion of KGLF alumni will be part of the three day conference, coinciding with Gay/Lesbian Heritage Week. The event will consist of a series of workshops, keynote speakers, an open forum, and alumni reception.

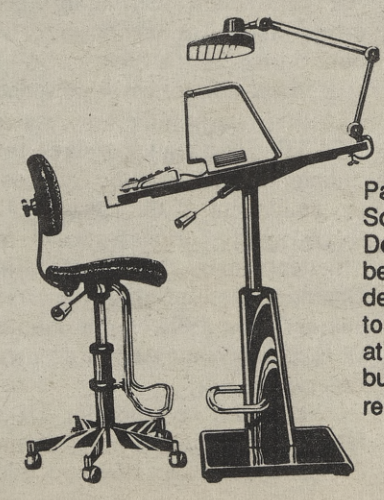
Space is available for organizations to distribute information and for vendors to sell merchandise.

Registration forms for the 1991 Gay and Lesbian Conference can be obtained from the Kent Gay/Lesbian Foundation, Box 17, KSU Student Center, Kent, OH 44242. For information: Dolares Noll (216) 672-2068.

Sincerely,

Jessie L. Grant
KGLF Administrative Director
Robert F. McLean
KGLF Programming Director

Guidelines for "Dear Editor" letters: Letters must be signed with your real name, address and phone (so we can call you with any questions). Your name, address and phnc may be withheld upon written request. Letters will not be accepted over 250 words. Letters will be edited for space requirements. Letters will not be published unless the above guidelines are followed.



WANTED:
FreeLance
Graphic Designer Layout Person

Part-time. Approx. 25 hours/week. Some all nights, weekends. Desktop publishing helpful. Must be extremely organized, neat, dependable, crisis oriented, able to meet all deadlines. Must have at least one year in the newspaper business. Portfolio, references, resume required.

MGW
1725 L Street
Sacramento, 95814
441-6397

Soviet Union-"gay unadvisable"

by Rich Flowers
OF MGW STAFF

A poll taken by the popular Soviet television program "600 Seconds," in October 1990, revealed that 42 percent, nearly half of the population of Leningrad said that "homosexuals" should be executed. In fact, the subject of "homosexuality" evokes more dread than do protest marches on the Kremlin, Lithuania's pursuit of independence, or even the KGB itself. Therefore, it's not surprising that there are virtually no open lesbians or gay men in the Soviet Union. Soviet gay activist Jenia Debryanskaya is one of maybe two open, for the record, lesbians in a country of some 280 million people. She toured the United States in November and December 1990 for the first time and was surprised how naive Americans are about the day-to-day life of lesbians and gay men in the Soviet Union. Interviewers constantly asked, "What are the lesbian bars like in your country?" This question never ceased to astound her. "There are no gay bars in the Soviet Union, for women or men," she noted, "It's extremely difficult to be out because homosexuality is an object of intense public censure." Debryanskaya is open but most Soviets try not to discuss their sexuality for fear of imprisonment or loss of their jobs.

Debryanskaya, 37, was joined on her tour by fellow gay activist Roman Kalinin, 24. They met while working with the radical Libertarian Party. Kalinin was outed in the summer of 1990 by the Latvian newspaper *The Baltic Times*, which printed an article entitled, *"Roman Kalinin, I Wouldn't Sleep With Gorbachev,"* even though the newspaper promised him anonymity. He uses his real name now. Kalinin is a full-time student, studying to become a ballistic missileman and edits Tema, the gay and lesbian newspaper that was first issued in 1990. "All my spare time is spent on *Tema*," he said, "My particular tragedy is that I have no time for relationships." Kalinin is currently content with one-night stands and changes sex partners every two or three nights.

Kalinin has been out sexually four years and has never had a relationship. "I'm interested in men metaphysically," he said "A man must have a good soul."

Kalinin has been tested for HIV and gets re-tested every six months.

Public health officials set off in search of all former sex partners and any person who tests positive for HIV, has their passport stamped "INFECTED."

Like Debryanskaya, Kalinin is surprised, how naive Americans are about Soviet culture. "Interviewers ask me if I have been tested for AIDS," he explained, "and want to know the result. If I had tested positive I wouldn't even be allowed to be here." In the Soviet Union, if a person tests positive for HIV-antibodies, the Venereal Disease Surveillance Squad kicks in, as is done with syphillis, and the "infected" person's place of employment is notified. Public health officials set off in search of all former sex partners and any person who tests positive for HIV, has their passport stamped "INFECTED."

Soviet law requires everyone who is HIV-positive to notify all former sex partners of their status. Failure to do so is punishable by up to 5 years in a labor camp. It is also against the law to expose or infect another person with the HIV-virus. Transmitting the virus is punishable by up to 8 years of imprisonment. These laws coincide with the infamous Article 121 of the Soviet criminal code which makes "homosexuality" contact between consenting male adults. (There is no law per se proscribing lesbianism.) Because of these laws, Soviet gay men are afraid to get tested for HIV. If they test positive, they will be punished. In 1986, the Ministry of Public Health began so-called anonymous testing sites with assurance that all test results would be confidential but Soviet gay men know that there is no such thing as "anonymous" testing in the Soviet Union. If tested, autonomy is automatically forfeited, and the end result is that an important way to treatment is effectively closed off.

The Communist government instituted Article 121 in 1933 as one of many ways to quiet or expel dissidents. In fact, officials refer to gay men and lesbians officially as "sexual dissidents." Despite the Communist government's attempt to suppress gay and lesbian culture, the Soviet Union has always sustained a gay population. Spartacus, the international gay guide book lists meeting places in Moscow. But for the most part, Soviet men and lesbians aren't out and socialize in closed circles. Upper-class gay men still meet through salons, similar to society ladies in pre-revolution days, when open-house was announced with calling cards. Working-class gay men cruise along Gorky Street and Bolshoi Square. Lesbians can meet each other in front of city hall. The gap between working-class gays and upper-class in the Soviet Union is very wide and at the moment, gay solidarity is not strong enough to bridge the gap.▼

Super Bowl float shows gay/lesbian vitality

A float urging spectators to "Celebrate America's Rainbow," sponsored by Tampa Bay's gay and lesbian community, was among the colorful entries in a parade organized by the host city to honor Super Bowl XXV.

The rainbow theme was chosen in part because of its visual appeal, but especially to focus attention on cultural and social diversity in American life, according to Keith Roberts, one of the float project's organizers. "The rainbow is an obvious metaphor," Roberts observed. "Our use of it in this way pays tribute to the differences that color can enrich the fabric of American life."

Riders on the float gave a human dimension to the float's theme. They included local gays and lesbians of various ethnic backgrounds and different ages, some accompanied by their children. A variety of professions also was represented, including ministers, a health care worker, a military serviceman, and others.

A musical background was provided, featuring works of gay American composers Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copeland.

This parade entry is the latest in a series of recent high-visibility activities on the part of the local gay and lesbian community, according to Roberts, who is a co-director of a civic action group known as the Bay Area Human Rights Coalition, one of the float's sponsors. "We launched our first local political initiative a year and a half ago," Roberts explained , referring to a measure that targeted discrimination based upon sexual orientation. "The stature and visibility of our community as a social and political force has blossomed since then." Last year's Gay Pride activities, for example, included a march and rally attended by thousands, the reading of a first-ever mayoral proclamation concerning Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, and the area's first Gay/Lesbian Film Festival. The parade float is another milestone for the community, Roberts said.

The float and some of its supporters.

The float has been a truly community-wide effort, sponsored by an array of local gay/lesbian organizations and businesses and involving more than a hundred individuals in the construction and decoration aspects of the project alone. Sponsors intend to utilize all or portions of the float again in years to come, and will make it available for a fee to other organizations.

For information: Keith Roberts, 813-251-4709; Gilbert Vansoi, 813-831-5886; BAHRC, Box 18954, Tampa, FL 33679-8954.▼

editorial

Enough is enough!

Enough is enough. Think of all the time our community wasted on petty, points of procedure and the hours of hopeless debate only to save face.

Think how much more we as a community could get done if we would only set aside the personal disputes and the power plays and go for results rather than being right.

We are told from the day we are born that we must be right and if others question it, we must insist we are right and fight to the death. It is the stuff wars are made out-of. War is about power and nothing else and the same stupdity that causes war is also the quantity that holds gays back. We can't leave our egos at the door.

In order for a society to suceed, a majority of its members must stand behind the ideas it is comprised of. When one person, sometimes a so-called "leader" insist his or her ideas are correct and that everyone else is wrong, even if he/she does get their way and even if the idea is a good one, it will not work without the support of the whole.

Psychologists talk about the triangle: Persecutor, resuer and victim and in the center is drama. We waste our energy moving from point-to-point generating drama. We go round and round the triangle and never seem to get anywhere.

Maybe it's the lack of gay soaps, maybe it is a lack of family support, but for some reason, gay men and lesbians tend to spend more time on the triangle than heterosexuals. Granted, anyone ever attending a city council meeting would say heterosexuals are guilty as well, but the well-practiced, almost polished drama that occurs at meetings within the national gay community is astonishing.

Yes there are issues that we disagree about as individuals and yes, we need to be able to disagreed, but let make sure we are disagreeing about something important and important to more than just us as individuals.▼

BOYCOTT LIST

These businesses do not support the gay community:

- **Burger King**
- **Carls Jr.**
- **Marlboro cigarettes (Phillip Morris)**
- ***Sacramento Union***

Wanted
Arts Editor

MGW would like to expand the visual art coverage by featuring local artist and show reviews. Are you involved in the arts, organized, and a good journalist?

Call Mgw at 441-NEWS

Be a part of the Ad Sales team at MGW

Call 441-6397 for information

MGW needs interns

from the Journalism, Computer Science, Business, Communications and Photography Departments to do

Office work, advertising sales, darkroom, photography, writing, computer data entry, etc.

Contact 441-NEWS

MGW, 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

happenings

Lesbians over 50 gather

The Fifth Annual Golden Threads Celebration will take place on June 28-30 at the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Since 1985, Golden Threads is a worldwide social network of lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women -- no lesbian is excluded. A contact publication Golden Threads, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of lesbians, resources, books reviews and an editorial, all addressing the interests and concerns of the older lesbian.

For information: Christine Burton, Golden Threads, Box 3177 Burlington, VT 050401-0031.▼

Major auction of "OUT" art in L.A.

For two weeks in May, OUT Auction, the first-ever auction of "out" art, will be presented as a direct response to the wave of censorship, repression, and homophobia that is threatening everyone's First Amendment right of freedom of speech and artistic expression.

OUT Auction will benefit the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, and will be held over a period of six days in early May:

Thursday, May 2: Gift certificates/Celebrity mementoes/Travel packages & misc.
Friday, May 3: Furniture, Decorative objects, Antiques
Saturday, May 4: Photography
Thursday, May 9: Prints & drawings
Friday, May 10: Arts & crafts, Textiles
Saturday, May 11: Painting & sculpture

For information: 213-464-7400, ext. 403; 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038-1292.▼

Bluegrass in Crockett

National Entertainment Network presents a Bluegrass Sunday afternoon at the Crockett Community Center on Sunday, March 3, at 2:30pm.

Opening the show will be Jody Stecher and Kate Brislin. Kate and Jody's music has an atmosphere of both bluegrass and old-time music. Their vocal duets, which fell into place on first meeting in 1974, form the heart of a stage show highly spiced with old-time fiddling, banjo, mandolin and, especially, Jody's expressive and highly individualistic guitar style.

Headlining the show will be The Eddie Adcock Band. Eddie has been described as the musician that other musicians take the night off to see.

The Crockett Community Center is located at 850 Pomona St. in Crockett. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door and are available by mail from N.E.N., Box 31557, San Francisco 94131. For information: 415-285-0339.▼

Local video producers to be honored

Thursday, February 28 is the Second Annual Community Video Awards, presented by Access Sacramento. Sacramento County video producers will be honored during the 7:30pm ceremony at the Almond Plaza, 1701 C St. Dick Cable of KXTV Channel 10 will act as Master of Ceremonies.

One hundred thirty-nine programs were entered in the competition. Area video professionals will choose the best programs in 13 separate categories, including a special group of home videos. Six additional awards will be given for achievement in the following areas: Directing, Editing, Camera Work, Graphics, Performance, and Lighting. Each winner will receive a trophy and a variety of prizes. In addition, winning programs will be entered by Access Sacramento in the prestigious 1991 Hometown USA National Video Festival.▼

Scholarship available

Full-time telecommunication students are encouraged to apply for the Stacey Wong Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at one of the following: California City College. The application deadline is March 1. Call Access Sacramento at 456-8600 for more information.▼

Arts advocates come to Sacramento

Over 200 arts advocates from all over California will converge on Sacramento on Tuesday, March 12, for the 15th Annual Statewide Arts Day. Representatives from every arts discipline and from organizations reflecting a wide range of the state's cultural heritages will kick off the day with a midmorning downtown briefing from arts and political leaders.

Following the morning session, the focus shifts to the halls of the Legislature, where arts advocates will sit down face-to-face with their elected officials and talk about the importance of the arts to the well-being of their communities. Mid-afternoon caucus sessions will give the arts community the opportunity to refine its legislative agenda in small working groups.

The day winds up with a gala reception at the Crocker Art Museum from 5-7pm. The reception will be highlighted by a ceremony honoring a number of multicultural arts organizations who have recently celebrated their 20th anniversaries and stand as models of integrity and perseverance in the face of immense economic and political obstacles.

For information: 447-7811.▼

See *Happenings* on page 21

under the dome

Life to "watch" marriage bill

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- A decision to wage the "domestic partners" battle on fronts other than those modeling heterosexual marriage was one of the decisions reached at the quarterly board meeting of the Lobby For Individual Freedom and Equality which was held Feb. 2-3 in Los Angeles.

Instead, LIFE will support a yet-unnumbered bill which will be carried by Assemblymember Marguerite Archie-Hudson (D-Los Angeles). The bill seeks to change the restrictions limiting adult conservatorship to blood relatives or spouses to include the category of "household member." According to LIFE Executive Director, Laurie McBride, "If we can change those restrictions and include the term "household member" it will dramatically change the caregiver status in long-term illnesses for men and women in our community and in the people of color communities."

LIFE will also support another, similar bill which affects victims of criminal assault. Currently the victim of a criminal assault is allowed to have a support person with them during preliminary hearings which can often be traumatic for the victim -- but those support people are limited to either blood relatives or spouses. This bill, which will probably go in as a "spot" bill would seek to allow a "household member" to fill the role of support person.

"With these changes in these bills, our true intent is to allow people who love each other to support one another in their time of greatest need," said McBride.

The LIFE board voted to "watch" the domestic partners legislation, AB167 sponsored by John Burton (D-San Francisco). A "watch" vote is basically just that, watching the bill and no active opposition. Some opinions expressed by the board included agreement between such disparate ends of the spectrum as Frank Ricciazzi of the Log Cabin United PAC and Connie Norman of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, both of Los Angeles, that the lobby should take on only one battle at a time and that AB101 is the current focus. Others said that marriage is not the direction in which the gay and lesbian population should go -- why copy a heterosexual model which is clearly not working very well? Still others expressed outrage at "self-appointed leaders moving our agenda forward without taking into account all of the elements of the community and how those element feel about marriage -- and without exploring the full array of possibilities open to us."

According to McBride, the board also directed that the Lobby will become more involved in the state budget process and will monitor all streams of money in order "that we educate ourselves about the existing fiscal situation." LIFE will continue to be involved in health issues including the needs of lesbians. Members of the board have endorsed support of the Mother's Day Breast Cancer March which is currently being organized and will provide each of their affiliates with the information which will allow them to physically participate in that march.▼

Fundie bill boomerangs

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Anti-abortionists are being prosecuted in Sacramento for disrupting an ecumenical service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament attended by Pete Wilson the day before his inauguration. Ironically, they are the first people to be prosecuted under the provisions of a bill vigorously supported by fundamentalists and "traditional values" adherents.

The provisions of SB2483 sponsored last session by Senator Newton Russell (R-Glendale) used language inspired by the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) and amended Penal Code Section 102 to increase penalties to those disrupting church sponsored meetings. At the time, it was widely viewed that the bill was aimed at increasing penalties for ACT UP and pro-life groups which were becoming increasingly active in pro-life protests -- and in particular one group which disrupted a TVC meeting being held at Sacramento's downtown Hyatt Hotel. Alert action by the LIFE lobby and Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks) amended the bill in committee and limited its scope to disruption of church services held on church property.

Seven of the anti-abortionists arrested are scheduled to defend themselves at jury trials in March; three others hired attorneys. All ten pleaded innocent to disrupting a religious service. They objected to Wilson's presence at the Cathedral because he is pro-abortion.

Bishop Francis A. Quinn of the Diocese of Sacramento was present at the hearing and asked District Attorney Steve White to dismiss charges against the protestors in spite of the fact that the group has distributed letters asking the Pope to remove Quinn from his bishopric because he allowed the service to go on.▼

THESE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

We are a liberal religious community where what *you believe* is important

Unitarian Universalist Society
2425 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento CA
11am Sunday Phone 916-483-9283

Unitarian Universalist Community Ch.
6929 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento CA
4:30pm Sunday Phone 916-422-8622

Unitarian Church of Davis
27074 Patwin Road, Davis CA
10:30am Sunday Phone 916-753-2581

Sierra Foothills Unitarians
De Witt Center 2945 First St., Auburn
4pm Sunday Phone 916-823-8765

Subscribe to **MGW** Newspaper

Vacancy Announcements
County of Sacramento

The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. For more detailed information call 440-5411.

Filing of Applications

Commission/Committee	Opens	Closes	Type of Member
Affirmative Action Committee	Open filing		3 citizens
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open filing		2 homeowner assoc.
Child Care Authority Task Force	Open filing		2 members
Childrens Commission	2/4/91	2/15/91	3 seats
Citrus Heights Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
Cordova Comm. Planning Adv. Council	2/11/91	2/22/91	4 residents of area
Cosumnes Area Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	Open filing		1 resident of area
County Justice System Advisory Group	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 private agency rep.
Delta Adv. Plan. Council	2/11/91	2/22/91	1 general member
Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District	Open filing		1 resident of area
Elk Grove Community Advisory Council	2/4/91	2/15/91	7 residents of area
Fair Oaks Comm. Plan. Advisory Council	Open filing		1 resident of area
Franklin/Laguna Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
Galt-Arno Cemetery Dist.	2/25/91	3/8/91	2 residents of area
Maternal, Child & Adol. Health Adv. Board	Open filing		2 members
Mental Health Adv. Bd.	Open filing		1 consumer member
Natomas Comm. Planning Advisory Council	2/4/91	2/15/91	4 residents of area
N. Highlands/Foothill Farms Comm. Planning Adv. Council	Open filing		2 residents of area
Sac. Metro. Air Quality Mgmt. Dist. Hearing Board	3/18/91	3/29/91	1 attorney 1 general public
Southeast Area Comm. Planning Adv. Council	Open filing		4 residents of area
S. Sac. Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open filing		2 residents of area
Subdivision Review Comm.	2/11/91	2/22/91	1 general member
Sunrise Recreation & Park District	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
Vineyard Area Comm. Planning Adv. Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area

Lesbian "battered spouse" acquitted of stabbing

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho -- a 28-year-old Boise lesbian who used the "battered wife syndrome" was acquitted February 1 in the stabbing this past summer of her lover.

It is the first time a lesbian using the battered spouse syndrome has been cleared of charges. In 1989, the syndrome was used unsuccessfully by a Florida lesbian accused of murder.

"The syndrome doesn't rely on marriage or any particular heterosexual or gay relationship," said Robert Chastain, attorney for the defendant.

Stating that she feared for her life, Priscilla Forbes told of the six-woman, six-man jury that she acted in self-defense when she stabbed Lynn Zarek in the back during a fight the night of August 12.

Although the couple didn't live together, Zarek had been staying with Forbes for a week. The fight allegedly began when Forbes asked Zarek to leave.

"Forbes was in her own home, protecting herself against a much bigger and stronger person," said Chastain.

"Given the violence that had occurred between the parties over the past several years, she had every right to fear for her personal safety."

During the trial, the diminutive 4-foot-10 Forbes testified that she did not leave the tumultuous relationship with the 5-foot-9 Zarek even though it included physical beatings.

"This was a long-standing relationship and in the last part of it, Forbes had been beaten a number of times," said Chastain.

"She never sought out help. She called the police once but she didn't pursue the charges."

A psychologist testified that despite being gay, Forbes was a battered spouse who reacted like any other when she finally reached the breaking point.

Prosecutors were shocked at the decision.

"I thought we had a good, solid case," said Bruce Skaug, Ada County deputy prosecutor.

"The victim was hospitalized for two-and-a-half days with a serious cut that came within millimeters of hitting vital organs."

According to Skaug, there was no evidence of a fight.

"There was nothing disturbed in the house. There were no bruises or scratches on the defendant."

Although Skaug said he had not talked directly to the jurors, he felt that the jury acquitted Forbes because she seemed more heterosexual.

"We tried to stress that it doesn't matter who you are or what you do, you don't deserve to get stabbed in the back," said Skaug.

"But I think the jury didn't like the victim. She looked more 'lesbian.'"

Had Forbes been convicted, she would have faced up to 15 years in prison for the offense.▼

Town Council updates

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

While there is little controversy surrounding the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council these days, the council continues to work for goals set forth by its members.

Here is what happened at the January meeting:

- Screening continues for those who will serve on the Council's Police Liaison Committee. Moderator Lou Camera gave a brief description of each of the nine applicants. He recommended that an Interview Committee be appointed to review the candidates and make recommendations to moderator Freda Smith. The council later approve Camera's motion. Selected for the interview committee were: Everett Denman, Marghe Covino, Robert Jordan and Rand Sheriff-Laurent.

- Boyce Hinman of the Lambda Letters project discussed the possibility of setting-up an 800 number to contact congressional representatives.

- Robert Jordan of Parthenon moved that the Secretary of the Council ensure that minutes were mailed to all member organizations later than 7 days after a meeting. Objections from the Secretary were heard and the motion was amended to allow for ten days of time before the mailing deadline. The motion was passed as amended.

- ACT-UP Sacramento is reorganizing due to the departure of Everett Denman who is moving to San Francisco. Denman announced the phone number would be disconnected February 1. The Post Office Box will be kept open indefinitely.

- RCDC and Lambda Fund are continuing to utilize the Speaker's Bureau to help with training and sensitivity instruction for local law enforcement.

- Ed Sheriff, Director of Hope House talked about the availability of hospital beds and other medical equipment for people with AIDS. Sheriff also mentioned food grants for people needing assistance, a program that could be made possible through Loaves and Fishes. If you'd like to help, Sheriff can be reached by calling the River City MCC.

Sheriff also announced a drive to obtain 60 volunteers for Hope Houses' social and medical service. Social volunteers would be there to play games and provide social and recreation opportunities for residents. Training would be provided. Call 454-0170.

The next meeting of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council is scheduled for March 6, 6:30pm at the Lambda Center.▼

Hyatt Regency director appointed to CARES board

Richard A. Hernandez, director of personnel for the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, has been appointed to the Board of Directors at CARES -- the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services - Sacramento.

Hernandez, who has worked at the Hyatt Regency as director of personnel since 1981, has more than 14 years of experience in personnel and administrative management. "In selecting Mr. Hernandez as a board member, we felt he would provide important expertise regarding the issue of AIDS in the workplace," said Sue Strong, CARES administrator. "Now that state law bans discrimination against those infected with HIV (Americans with Disabilities Act), business and personnel managers are going to have to come up with a viable plan for dealing with AIDS in the workplace -- they simply can no longer ignore the problem."

Prior to joining the Hyatt Regency, Hernandez served as senior employment interview for Firemen's Fund in Los Angeles, and personnel manager for Davis Walker Corporation in City of Industry, California. Hernandez has also been an industrial relations manager for Vinnell Corporation in Alhambra, California. Hernandez earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

CARES was founded in May 1989, through grants from 11 Sacramento region hospitals, The Sierra Foundation and the County of Sacramento, to address the concern that the region be prepared to deal with an increasing AIDS load. The CARES clinic is one of the first in the nation to provide early treatment of persons infected with the AIDS virus before they become ill.

CARES currently provides treatment for more than 400 HIV-infected people in the Sacramento region and other counties in Northern California. The early intervention care includes initial physician, nutritional, health educator and social worker assessments.▼

Support needed for gay troops

by Ken Thompson
OF MGW STAFF

While most of the nation is concentrating on the war and our troops in the Persian Gulf, we must remember that there is also a need to comfort those being left behind. Most military family members are being consoled and aided by government sponsored agencies and military wives/husbands and family organizations and ombudsman groups.

There is however a silent minority of our military whose needs are not only being overlooked, but are simply being dismissed as non-essential, our lesbian/gay brothers and sisters now serving their country in this war.

Being homosexual, some military personnel may not be able to truthfully respond to the queries of well wishing clergy and others wishing to contact their "loved ones" in case of emergencies. Homosexual service personnel usually choose

See *Who* on page 6

5 MILE RUN
3 MILE WALK
AND KIDS'
EVENTS

SUNDAY
MARCH 3
1991
9 AM

1991 CDCW
CAMELLIA
CLASSIC

Run, Walk & Kids Event

FORMERLY KNOWN AS "BLISTERS FOR SISTERS"

REGISTRATION Pre-registration fee is $15 (must be postmarked before February 23). Commemorative T-shirts guaranteed to preregistrants only. Late registration fee is $20, with T-shirts available while supplies last.

LATE REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICK-UP Saturday, March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at FLEET FEET SPORTS - J Street, Race Day: Pick up from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in front of Sacramento City College on Freeport Blvd.

COURSE Event begins at 9 a.m. SHARP at Freeport Blvd. and 14th Ave., RAIN OR SHINE. Course consists of a 3-mile and a 5-mile loop through William Land Park.

AWARDS Ceremony to be held following the Kids' Events. Awards will be presented to 1st-2nd- and 3rd place male and female winners in each age division: wheelchair, 14 & under, 15-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over.

PRIZES Refreshments for all participants and the opportunity to win a variety of raffle prizes. Non-participants may buy raffle tickets at the event for $1.00 each.

KIDS' EVENTS Kids 5 and under are invited to participate in a fun Run, Jump, and Climb. Kids ages 6-11 are encouraged to run in a 1/2-mile Fun Run. All participants will receive ribbons. KIDS' FEE: $3 per child before February 23; $5 thereafter. The Kids' Events will begin at approximately 10 a.m.

DONATIONS All proceeds go directly into the General Fund CDCW, a not-for-profit United Way affiliate organization which provides programs for the prevention and treatment of chemical dependency for women and their families. Additional tax-deductible contributions are welcomed.

INFORMATION Contact CDCW 916/448-2951.

REGISTRATION FORM AND EVENT WAIVER

In consideration of this entry acceptance, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the "Camellia Classic" and all other sponsoring groups and merchants, their representatives, successors, and assignees for any and all injuries by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of the "Camellia Classic" Run, Walk, and Kids' events.

Signature _____

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age Race Day _____

Male _____ Female _____

Event: 5-Mile Run _____ 3-Mile Walk _____

Kids' Events _____

Parents must sign waiver for any participant under 18 years

T-Shirt Size: Sm ___ Med ___ Lrg ___ XL ___

___ I have attached my Pre-registration fee of $15

___ I have attached my Late-registration fee of $20 (after 2/23)

___ I want to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of $_____ to support the programs of CDCW.

Mail to **Camellia Classic, 1507 21st Street, Suite 100, Sacramento CA 95814**

TOWER RECORDS | VIDEO

HealthCare COMPARE AFFORDABLE SM

Directions

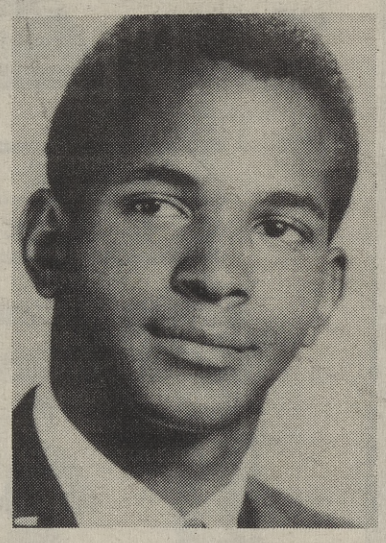
SEARSON & COMPANY

MGW NEWSPAPER

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN

farewell

Dale M. Diggs



Born on February 10, 1949, in Fort Ord, California, Dale was known to many as a vibrant soul. His ability to see, then show others, the brighter side of life made Dale an extremely comfortable person to be around. Most knew him as one of the bartenders at the Wreck Room when it was on 20th Street. Anyone who ventured onto the patio during "Pig-Out" would know Dale as the beautiful nubian prince helping the party grow. Dale's contribution toward the award winning float that took top honors in San Francisco and the outstanding Summerfest in Sacramento proved invaluable to his team. Out of Many; One!

Music and dance filled his soul, always moving, always entertaining with that special style and grace all his own. He shared and gave hope freely, Dale's gift of promise and love. On Monday, January 14, 1991, Dale died in his lover Don's arms from complications in his battle with AIDS. Don and Dale were living in Monterey.

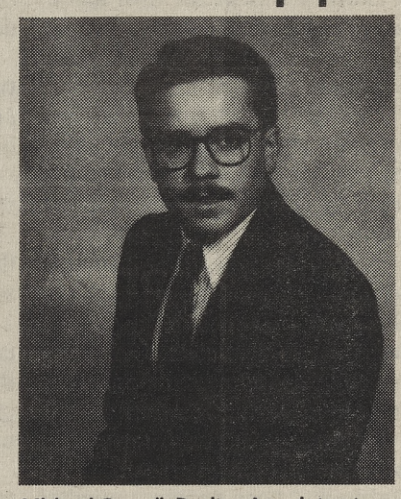
It is so hard to sum up a dear friend's life with so few words. Perhaps Dale said it best when he sang the following words from the stage at the 1981 Valley Knights Christmas Celebration Bash. "You and I can stand the silence, finding comfort together the way old friends do, and after fights and words of violence, we make up with each other the way old friends do. Times of Joy and Times of Sorrow, we will always see things through. I don't care what comes tomorrow, we can face it together the way old friends do. We can face it together; the way old friends do." God speed and love Old Friend. What a performance!▼

OBITUARY POLICY: *MGW Newspaper is honored to commemorate the lives of readers, friends and relatives of our readers, with an announcement. We ask that friends or relatives provide us with typewritten, double-spaced information either in person or by mail, not more than 250 words. Photographs need to be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like to have the photo returned. There is no charge for this service.*

local news

County supervisors appoint Cornell

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF



Michael Cornell, Realtor Appointee to the South Sacramento Target Area Committee.

Michael Cornell has been appointed to the South Sacramento Target Area Committee by the County Board of Supervisors.

Cornell, a realtor, services Sacramento's Gay community in his real estate practice as has volunteered for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and is a member of the River City Democratic Club.

Cornell has been in realty for five years, most recently with Coldwell Banker. His background also includes banking, finance and business management.

The South Sacramento Target Area Committee works the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. As a committee member, Cornell will be part of the advisory process, to see that funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) are used in ways that will best benefit the residents of the area.

One project the committee is working on is building a new swimming pool at the Fruitridge Community Center. The Committee is also involved with revitalizing targeted neighborhoods. Cornell owns property in the Target area.

PAPER

Continued from page 1

there is only so much available in the pie. We are told about the budget deficit and how we must choose between funds for AIDS or funds for cancer. If funds are already scarce, how can the war be financed without slashing domestic programs further?"

Gay and lesbian soldiers are also directly affected by the war, says NGLTF. "The war highlights again the military's discriminatory policy against lesbians and gay men, and the role the military plays in perpetuating our second-class status...The Pentagon has told gay and lesbian soldiers they will be discharged if they are lucky enough to survive. It is hypocritical and insulting to expect us to support the military when it so blatantly exploits us."

"NGLTF is taking a stand on the war for the same reason that we have taken a position on a range of issues that are not specifically "gay rights" issues" -- in order to respond to the needs of the entire lesbian and gay community so that we can build a movement that includes us all."▼

DIE NOW

Continued from page 1

likely to be blackmailed.

Representing many gays in the effort to end the military ban is the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The lawyers say the recent laxity of some commanders in allowing homosexuals resulted from the military's "stop loss" policy, which allowed commanders to delay the discharge of people whose services are needed.

Pentagon spokesman William Cadwell says, however, the stop-loss policy has nothing to do with gay being in, or out-of the military. Cadwell says the decision whether to discharge gays is left to the unit commander. Cadwell repeated the military's policy that homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

There has been only one case in which a gay solider won reinstatement to the service- openly gay Vietnam war veteran Perry Watkins, of Tacoma, Wash. Watkins was ousted after 16 years of service even though he had made it clear from the beginning he was gay. The Supreme Court last year, let stand a lower court decision that the Army didn't have the right to discharge the soldier after allowing him to reenlist several times.

The Watkins case, however, left the general ban in place and the court ruled its decision involved special circumstances.

Congressman Gerry Studds, an openly gay lawmaker from Massachusetts is looking into the recent discharge of Donna Lynn Jackson, a lesbian reservist from Ford Ord, California. The woman was told by her commander that she would be allowed to serve, however, when Jackson sought reassurance from higher levels, she was told she would be discharged after the war. Finally, she went public with her story-the military gave her an honorable discharge.

The reservist's attorney, Mary Newcombe, claims to have received several calls from others in the service with similar cases.▼

CONFRONTING

Continued from page 1

consequences, or I reveal my sexuality and confront the consequences of that action."

Amy E. Stewart, a sergeant in the Army National Guard, also explained a similar process and situation. "The military's ban on gays and lesbians is truly absurd. Every study indicates that gay men and lesbians provide no security, recruitment or morale problems to the military as they allege. These allegations are figments of certain people's imaginations. My service record is what it is--excellent. My sexual orientation has nothing to do with performance issues," Stewart said.▼

WHO

Continued from page 5

reservists, the soldiers were also told that discharge proceedings will begin as soon as they return from war.

If the military is allowing gays to serve during the war, those returning to face discharge could raise strong legal challenges to the military's longstanding policy against gays, according to top lawyers around the country.

The Department of Defense bans from active duty, anyone who is homosexual. The ban applies to people who have engaged homosexual conduct as well as those who have just had homosexual desires.

Gay veterans in recent years have taken the Department to court, but never has the policy been overturned.

The military contends the ban is necessary to maintain discipline and good morale among the troops and that closeted homosexuals are more to deny anyone close, or they simply give parents or other relatives as contact persons in case of emergencies. Also fearing mail censorship some lesbian and gay service persons sometimes are forced to go months without contact with their significant others, which in our lifestyle can prove to be somewhat of a major problem in maintaining a long-distance relationship.

Unlike their straight counterparts the lover left behind has no legal recourse to dispose of or handle the bills, business, property, or finances of their mates. The straight military person may send allotments to their spouses without question and the spouses are sometimes given understandable releases from long-term payment contracts or are given extended payment plans until their spouses return, while the lesbian/gay lover is left with virtually nowhere to turn.

Even though we must obviously be concerned with the needs of our straight military personnel we must remind not only ourselves, but Congress and the President must be reminded that there are from 20,000 to 40,000 gays and lesbians now serving in the Persian Gulf War. These lesbian/gay military persons serve side-by-side with their straight counterparts and follow the same rules and codes of honor and conduct that all military personnel have for hundreds of years. These lesbians and gays have families and partners who love them too!

A group of (Veterans C.A.R.E.) of gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and other American Wars formed a support group for "OUR TROOPS" in the Persian Gulf. Veterans C.A.R.E. is asking people and organizations in Northern California to contact them to help with supplying support to our people in uniform.

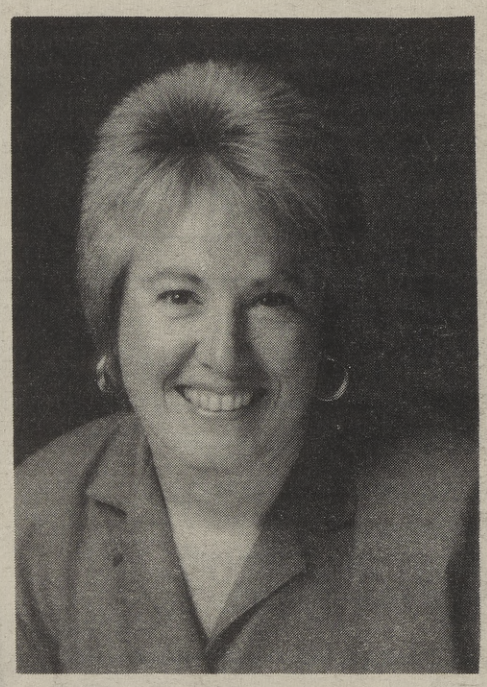
If you or your organization are interested in contacting the Veterans C.A.R.E. contact Chuck Schoen (707) 274-1303.▼

WHO WILL IT HURT WHEN I DIE?

A Seminar on Probate and "Living" Trusts
presented by

NAN GOODART

A teacher and counselor for fifteen years, now a successful attorney in Sacramento, Nan is presenting her immensely popular estate planning seminar, at no charge, just for the lesbian and gay community.



IF:

--you've been wishing for a way to blend your lives in a tangible, legally recognized way,

--writing a Will is about all the legal work you think you need to do,

--the story of Sharon Kowolski horrified you but you've done nothing to assure it won't happen to you,

--the "stuff" you own is worth more than $60,000 before subtracting what you owe on it,

--you would like to help your parents plan so that taking care of them and their affairs will be as easy as it can be ... for them AND for you, or

--you wouldn't know a "living" trust from a dead one,

THEN DO NOT MISS THIS SEMINAR!!!

Take advantage of this event. Bring your friends. Nan and her assistant, lawyer Theresa Boschert, will tell you what you need to know--and answer all your questions--about Wills, probate and "death taxes," incompetence, powers of attorney, and "living" trusts, with just our special relationships in mind.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1991
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

BEVERLY GARLAND HOTEL
Business 80 at Exposition Blvd.

Space is limited; to assure a seat, or for further information, call 422-1404.

Why our future's in the GOP

by David LaFontaine
and Patrick Ward

Why do gay civil rights bills face legislative battles as arduous as the 17-year struggle that ended successfully only in 1989 in Massachusetts? Why has the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill failed to move onto the floor for even a roll call? And why are only a fraction of lesbian and gay people actively involved in the struggle for our rights?

We believe that the fault lies in the rigidly Democratic identification of gay activists, who both refuse to recognize that gay men and lesbians are not necessarily of one mind on issues such as taxation, choice, and foreign policy, and persistently fail to muster the bipartisan support necessary to pass legislation. By enforcing left-wing litmus tests of political acceptability, gay leadership has cut itself off from many of the people it presumes to represent, and, through the absence of a gay presence in the GOP, allowed the political careers of homophobes like Jesse Helms to flourish.

This past year, the governor's race in Massachusetts caught the attention of the nation. The dead-heat contest between Democrat John Silber and Republican William Weld vividly illustrated the danger of adhering to stereotypes of each party. This time it was the Democrat who publicly compared homosexuality to bestiality and vowed to reinstate an anti-gay foster-care policy (authored, incidentally, by former Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis). Silber contrasted starkly with pro-gay, pro-choice Bill Weld, who promised to veto foster-care restrictions and appoint lesbian and gays to key positions throughout his administration.

On October 10, the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights became the first gay rights group in Massachusetts history to endorse the Republican ticket for governor. Other gay endorsements followed, including that of Bay Windows, New England's largest gay weekly. A blaze of publicity in the mainstream media covering the general gay crossover to Weld culminated in a dramatic finish; Weld edged Silber by a mere 70,000 votes out of the two and a half million cast.

Unfortunately, many gay activists in Massachusetts were not so forward-thinking when it came to supporting one of their own, openly gay Republican Mike Duffy, who challenged entrenched Democratic State Representative Byron Rushing in the ninth Suffolk, a district including a huge percentage of Boston's gay population. Most of Boston's South End neighborhood, an area plagued by anti-gay violence and home to the highest concentration of PWAs in the commonwealth, falls within the ninth Suffolk. Duffy's platform included raising police presence in the neighborhood and increasing the availability of housing for PWAs.

Whereas gay support for Weld demonstrated our greatest show of strength, gay opposition to Duffy cost us our change to elect one of the painfully few openly gay legislators in the nation. The band of gay and lesbian supporters who rushed to support Rushing engaged in that stale, shrill brand of kneejerk Republican bashing that has been the norm in gay politics for 20 years. A concerted smear campaign playing on stereotypical notions about Republicans ("You belong to the party of Ronald Reagan. You're KILLING us!) succeeded in dividing what should have been Duffy's natural base. The result: Duffy lost by a mere 800 votes.

The general willingness to support Republicans, and even openly gay Republicans, keeps us perennially in thrall to a Democratic establishment that takes our votes for granted. When gay Republicans are silenced or ridiculed, and endorsements reserved for Democrats only, is it any wonder that the Republicans in Congress have failed to co-sponsor the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill? The colossal stupidity of the one-party strategy has had three disastrous effects: the nurturance of right-wing Republican homophobes, the weakening and silencing of pro-gay, progressive Republicans, and the allowance of lackluster, liberal Democrats to exploit us at their will and ignore us at their convenience.

The emergence of Log Cabin Clubs, gay Republican groups in California, Texas, Illinois and Florida committed to supporting pro-gay Republicans and working for change within the party, may signal the end of the stagnant, politically correct tone of gay politics. In December, gay Republicans in Massachusetts formed a state chapter of the National Log Cabin Federation. Richard Tafel, Duffy's campaign manager, was subsequently elected president of the National Log Cabin Federation at a Florida convention of the participating clubs. It is our hope that, under Tafel's leadership, Log Cabin Clubs will strengthen political support for the rights of gay people and challenge stereotypes of our community as uniformly left-leaning, anti-establishment, and out of the mainstream.

We believe that the allegiance between gay people and the Republican party is a very natural expression of a shared desire to prevent government intrusion into the private lives of American citizens. This Republican tenet, often disregarded during the Reagan administration at the behest of the religious right, seems to be re-emerging under George Bush's leadership. Bush, in inviting members of the California Log Cabin Federation to the White House for the signing of the National Hate Crimes Bill, became the first president in our history to invite openly gay people into the White House because of, and not in spite of, their sexual orientation.

The Republican party at its best has always been a champion of individual rights and liberties. Its roots are in the writings of Lincoln and in the spirit of abolition. If we, as gay people, can only cast aside foolish preconceptions of what it means to be a Republican, and give suitable Republican candidates our full support, we stand to gain an unprecedented degree of political power and influence.

David LaFontaine is lobbying director for the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights.

Patrick Ward is the founding president of the Log Cabin Club/Massachusetts.t

Misconceptions about gays and lesbians and the war!

by Ken Thompson
OF MGW STAFF

Being a veteran of the Vietnam War Era I was surprised by the number of straight people who think that there are few gay/lesbian service members actually serving on active duty in the Iraq War. Growing numbers of straight people are evening beginning to think that being gay/lesbian is now a preferable status because we "can't" be drafted and don't "have" to go to war if called upon!

Being a member of Delta Lambda Phi, the first National Gay Fraternity, this fact of "privileged status" became rather obvious at one of our Inter-Fraternity Council Meetings recently. When the draft was brought up before the council as a major concern, one of the council members made a statement that "we are 'all' going to be eligible for the draft when it comes, so we are 'all' understandably concerned with the recent turn of events in the Middle East." After a bit of murmuring and head-turning toward our end of the table he corrected himself by restating, "most" instead of all will be affected, as if our fraternity had some "special" immunity which the others were not privy to, and for a minute I felt actual "envy" in the room.

"We don't 'have' to go!" Famous last words. I have heard lesbians and gays saying that they were "glad" that they were "exempt" from serving in the armed forces. What most of our community refuses to see is the sexism behind this exemption from duty. It is not because we are different than our heterosexual brothers and sisters, it is because the straight world perceives gays/lesbians as less than equals.

Women have seen this lack of equality, and they dislike the "privilege" of not "having" to serve in combat because they are "not equal" to their straight male counterparts.

It is time that gays/lesbians begin to see this privilege for what it is and change the system's perception that we are "lucky" and "exempt."

Many of us have served our country with distinction and honor, many with medals and honors. This praise is not given without a price however, there is the price of invisibility and silence.

To remove this barrier of silence and invisibility we must first learn to stand up and demand that we be counted as equals in "all" our country has to offer, but not as "special" or "privileged" people, but as citizens of a free and "United" States of America!▼

without advertising a terrible thing happens ...
...nothing
call MGW for information about advertising rates 441-6397

I am tired of this war....

It's only a few weeks old and I am sick. More than anything, it sickens me to think that after all these years of humanity, we still can't settle conflicts without force and live in an ever lasting peace. Beyond disappointment, I find another kind of sickening movement- pro-war demonstrations. How can anyone be so sick as to be for the potential deaths of thousands of Iraqi citizens? Sure, the Defense Department tells us only "strategic military targets" are on the hit list, but the still reoccurring horrors told by Vietnam Vets reveal the same was said about the people of Vietnam.

Does it bother anyone that our President and the Dept. of Defense is saying we are winning this war? Does anyone question that? Or is everyone so busy buying flags they forgot about the lies known as propaganda all governments provide in time of war?

Do I support the troops? With all my heart. I feel for those poor men and women (both American and Iraqi soldiers) who are being used by their respective Presidents in the fighting of a war that is not about freedom, but about ego and greed. I submit we are probably being lied to and that casualties on both sides are much higher- body bags Bush will save until after this is over.

When I hear men my age saying "Let's kick some ass!" It is simply frightening. Lost in patriotic stupidity, they fail to consider that in nuclear war, the number of men, airplanes or tanks, really doesn't make any difference. "Kicking ass" goes back to the days when we used clubs on each other and killed whenever we thought we should.

The re-appearance of flags everywhere (almost seeems like the 1940's) makes me question the depth of the people's believe it our country. I seems like a fraud that people should celebrate their country only in time of war, that is popular war. How many flags were flying outside homes at the end of Vietnam?

Do I really look...

It had been a year since I had HIV test, so I decided it was time. I went to one of Sacramento's alternative testing sites. The lobby had three appointment windows, all but one had a label. I went to the one titled "Appointments."

The man opened the window and before I could say anything, he said "HIV testing is over there" as he pointed to the other window...and I don't even wear an earring!

He is just like Grandpa...

Most everyone in Sacramento knows Dick Cable, the anchorman at KXTV-10 who seems like he'd be the greatest Grandpa. Well, a phone call the other day made me believe even more.

Maria Albin, a former producer at Channel 10 and recently one of MGW's best, has been absent from our office. Since she had moved and had a new phone number, there was no way to contact her, but I thought someone at 10 might know something as to what happened to her.

I called and Dick answered the phone on the second ring. I told him who I was and how I knew Maria and, in most conforting voice, he told me she and her husband (who is a cameraman at 10) were sick with colds.▼

-- Jim Walker

EMPLOYMENT

POLICE OFFICER/POLICE CADET
$1684.11-$3,449.08/month
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER
$9.72-$10.71/hour

City of Sacramento. Entry-level non-sworn law enforcement training positions. Duties include burglary, stolen vehicle, missing persons, vandalism, and non-injury traffic reports. Police Officer/Police Cadet candidates must be at least 21 yrs. by test date and completed a minimum of 60 semester unit or 90 quarter units from an accredited college or university; Community Service Officer candidates must be at least 18 yrs. by test date. Incumbents are required to attend an 18-week live-in police academy and may be promoted to Police Officer after one year. Work hours may be scheduled on evenings, weekends and holidays. Written exam schedule as follows: Last name A-G: 9am, 2/23/91; H-M: 2:30pm, 2/23/91; N-R: 9am, 2/24/91; S-Z 2:30pm, 2/24/91.

Contact the Personnel Department,
921 10th Street, First Floor,
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 449-5726
to receive announcement;
EOE / AA

Whisler Financial Group
Whisler Land Company
Mark Whisler, CFP

* Tax Preparation
* Real Estate Sales
* Investment Services
* Socially Responsible Investing

* Serving California Since 1975 - Call (916) 446-6666
Investments offered through Titan Value Equities, Inc. Member NASD/SIPC

Say
Happy Birthday
or
any personal message
with a display ad in MGW
Call 441-NEWS

METRAILER &
LANGENKAMP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

AUTO ACCIDENTS
BREACH OF CONTRACT
BUSINESS MATTERS
DIVORCE/CUSTODY
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
WILLS/PROBATE
INSURANCE PROBLEMS
LIVING TOGETHER CONTRACTS
REAL ESTATE MATTERS
PROPERTY DIVISIONS
UNION REPRESENTATION

Rosemary Metrailer
Carolyn Langenkamp
Margaret Geddes

1329 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
447-7255

Call
393-1111
REALTOR
KELLEY
GREENHAVEN
6371
Riverside
Blvd.

SALLY KELLEY
Realtor

THE MASTERS CLUB
LIFE
MEMBER
1987

6371 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95831

news clips

S.F.'s My Place hit by fire - could be arson

My Place, a popular Folsom Street leather bar in San Francisco, suffered extensive water and smoke damage during three alarm fire on February 2.

The blaze, which started in an apartment above the bar at 1223 Folsom Street, drew 95 firefighters and 26 pieces of equipment to the scene.

Manager C.B. Makalii said the floors and walls are shot, but that repairs should be completed by late June in time for the Gay Freedom Day Parade. The bar had just been painted a few days before the fire.

The fire is under arson investigation.

- The Bay Area Reporter

ACT-UP disrupts Legislative session

Nearly 40 Missourian AIDS Activists effectively disrupted the ceremonial opening of the Missouri State Legislature on January 9 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Demonstrators threw leaflets that outlined the demands of ACT-UP/Kansas City and ACT-UP/St. Louis onto the legislative floor. The demands included making direct services for PWAs and PWHIV disease in Missouri more accessible and efficient.

At the same time, demonstrators stretched a 25x70 foot banner proclaiming, "Stop AIDS" across the front entrance to the capital.

Inside the state house, members of ACT-UP chained themselves to the massive bannister which leads upward to the capital rotunda in order to demonstrate the helplessness of most PWAs in Missouri, who rely on state funded services to fight their disease.

The Experience returning to Capitol

The Experience, a workshop about love, truth and being powerful in life, is returning to Sacramento April 19-21.

The first Experience in Sacramento was held last September. More than 30 people graduated the weekend-long workshop, facilitated by Rob Eichberg, Ph.D. and Honey Ward.

Experience graduates are encouraged to support the next Experience by talking to friends about the workshop and/or participating in one of several committees.

A special scholarship is being made available in honor of Gary Batcher who passed away last December. Anyone with AIDS or HIV is eligible for the scholarship.

A series of free previews are currently being held.

For more information on the workshop or previews, call Lily Andrews at 481-0105.

Southerners support for displaced Dixies

Southerners, a new group will reach over 560 Southerners living in the New York City area. Southerners celebrates aspects of Southern culture which its members love and miss while they work to curtail the intense homophobia which causes many gays to leave the south.

Southerners sponsors popular monthly potlucks, featuring southern style cooking. They also host regular two-step dances, game nights and trips to southern restaurants.

For more information, write Southerner: Lesbians and Gay Men in New York, Inc.; P.O. Box 881, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-0881.

Gay Games III still needs your help

It may be long over, but if there is to be another Gay Games, Gay Games III needs your help. As much as the event was a success spiritually, it wasn't financially. The Games are $157,000 in the red. The bills of 85 creditors must be paid to close the last chapter of Gay Games III with pride.

Gay Games III needs your help in the form of a tax deductible donation. Send your check or money order to: Federation/Celebration '90, 584 Castro Street, Suite 343, San Francisco, California 94114.

Police notify school after teacher's arrest

A Washington D.C. man was suspended from his job as a teacher in December after a U.S. Park Police Sergeant told school officials the man had been arrested for seeking sex in a federal park.

The teacher's attorney, James Lowe, said police displayed "vindictiveness" and "homophobia" when they told the school what happened.

The arrest came after a crackdown by Park Police in the wooded area around Turkey Run Park.

- The Washington Blade

Station stops airing anti-gay program

A Washington D.C. radio station that has been airing a spoof of the old Patty Duke Show, called the Patty Dyke Show, has agreed to stop broadcasting the bit.

The move came after officials from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation met with officials of WAVA-FM.

The station also agreed to stop using the words "faggot," and "dyke" on its air after complaints from listeners.

- The Washington Blade

finance

Tax planning seminar

byNeal Minietta
OF MGW STAFF

Marsha Oritt's tax planning seminar, at the Lambda Center on January 29, provided some excellent information for anyone working on their 1990 taxes. Tax planning 123 was the second of a program of classes, seminars and workshops put on by Lambda U.

Oritt, owner of MLO financial services, has been in the tax and financial planning business since 1975. She emphasized that gay couples seeking tax work or financial services identify themselves as a couple. There are tax benefits which can be obtained.

What does the IRS know about you? A significant problem the IRS has been experiencing is the underreporting of income. A "matching program" was established requiring individuals, businesses and institutions to submit information returns with the government for example, real estate transactions are now matched. Escrow firms and brokers must now report sales on real property transactions. Other IRS computer matches include gambling winnings, proceeds from stocks, bonds and mutual fund sales and property foreclosure.

Oritt also discussed tax law developments for 1990 tax returns. You must file if you were single and your income was $5300 or more or if you were married and your income was $9500 or more. Tax rates for 1990 are 15 percent, 28 percent and 33 percent depending on the income bracket you fall into. Personal exemption is $2050. Social security numbers are now required for dependents age 2 and older. Also, carefully check your itemized deductions. Some of the items which you may deduct as an itemized deduction are prescription medicines, eyeglasses, theft loses, moving expenses, professional dues, subscriptions to professional magazines and tax return preparation fees.

MLO financial services is located at 7996 Old Winding way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.▼

Would you go
to a plumber
for heart surgery?

Of course not. You'd go to a professional heart specialist. Enrolled Agents are professional tax specialists — all year long. They can provide expert tax planning, preparation and representation services at reasonable fees. Put a tax expert on *your* side. Call an Enrolled Agent.

"WE SPEAK TAX"
ENROLLED AGENTS
the taxpayers' tax experts

Whitney & Killick
FINANCIAL SERVICES
(916) 486-8985
2321 Lloyd Lane, Sacramento CA 95825

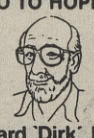
real estate & financial directory

Katherine Schlegel
Financial Services
Tax Preparation
and Bookkeeping
3000 T Street, Suite 202
Sacramento, CA 95816
916/454-5656
$ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ $

INSURANCE
Home Owners
Life
Renters
Auto

Sue Wolf
Farmers Insurance
1237 J Street
441-2776

10% OF MY COMMISSION
WILL GO TO HOPE HOUSE



Richard 'Dirk' Fullmer
REALTOR®
967-5668

PFINGST
Realty
9978 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95827
362-1166

PFINGST
Realty

VICKI PFINGST
Broker
9978 Folsom Blvd., Sac. 95827
P.O. Box 276 Rancho Cordova, CA
362-1166 (O)
395-0490 (H)

HARTWELL & HARTWELL
Attorneys at Law

General Practice Emphasizing
Criminal Law
Driving Offenses

(916) 442-5437

2308 J Street - Suite C
Sacramento, CA 95816

M. JANE PEARCE
Attorney at Law

1722 J Street
Suite 17
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-5458

Wills and Trusts
Real Estate
Bankruptcy & Family Law

GBC
REALTORS
Trustworthy, Competent
Remy Ceci
REALTOR
(916) 455-8054 Home
(916) 739-1212, ext. 229
(Voice Mail)

Secure your
* Property
* Business
* Employees

S.C.S. Enterprises
916/773-5057
209 Harding Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678

Not All Advertisers Are Gay

Please do not assume all advertisers are gay owned and operated. Some are straight owned, but they are supportive of the gay community.

Owners are always curious how customers find out about them....Let them know you saw the ad in **MGW**.

Please support them.

media watch

By Ben Carlson
of GLAAD SFBA

Taking offense to Newsweek article

The December 24 issue of Newsweek blared "Thought Police." The cover article, titled "Taking Offense," addressed the issue of "politically correct" (PC) speech vs. freedom of speech on college campuses. The issue is familiar to GLAAD because we are sometimes mistaken for an organization that works to silence homophobes rather than to protest homophobia.

The article started off with an account of a student who posted a sign on her door stating that "preppies," "bimbos," "men without chest hair," and "homos" would be "shot on sight." "No protests were heard from representatives of the first three categories, but UConn's gay community was more forthright in asserting its prerogatives," chortled *Newsweek*. The student was subjected to a campus administrative hearing, then punished. No evidence was given that gays were responsible for the consequences of the student's actions. So what's with the snide "asserting its prerogatives?" Why must *Newsweek* make fun of gays by equating them with preppies and bimbos.

"Now (the University of Wisconsin) has become a PC hotbed. The faculty tried to banish ROTC because it wouldn't accept gay cadets," gasped *Newsweek*.. Get a clue! We're talking job discrimination here, not word games, and the University of Wisconsin isn't exactly pioneering the stance. Dozens of prominent schools nationwide, from Harvard to Berkeley, do not permit the ROTC to recruit on their campuses because of its blatantly discriminatory policy.

Can't *Newsweek* defend freedom of speech without looking suspiciously like they're throwing bigots a bone? Write to Richard M. Smith, Editor-In-Chief, *Newsweek*, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, NY. 10022.

Women's history to be recorded

Last year, GLAAD began a dialogue with the northern-California based National Women's History Project (NWHP). NWHP has an important impact on the field of women's history, but when we began our dialogue its catalogue didn't even mention the word "lesbian." After an unproductive exchange of letters with NWHP, GLAAD asked you, our faithful column readers and letter writers, to take up the issue. We are now pleased to report that NWHP's current catalogue has new item, Lillian Faderman's book Surpassing the Love of Men. The catalogue specifics that the book addresses lesbianism, and the book is prominently indexed under the new category "lesbian."

Thank the NWHP staff by writing to the National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA. 95492. Urge them to increase their collection of lesbian material and that which pertains to bisexual women. Give them input and information regarding available resources, such as titles of books, essays, articles and photographs. Urge that lesbian and bisexual women who have made contributions to history be acknowledged with specific reference to their sexuality in all of NWHP's multicultural educational media. Separate books of lesbiana are great but the integration of lesbians and bisexual women into recorded women's history is also necessary and desirable.

Lack of questioning by The Atlantic?

The cover story of the December issue of *The Atlantic*, titled "The Hands That Would Shape Our Souls," concerns the "changing world" of American Seminaries. The author, Paul Wilkes, devotes plenty of copy to the issue of open homosexuality in seminary life and study.

Wilkes extensively quotes, but does not question, religious authorities like Reverend Richard McBrien,chair of Notre Dame's theology department, who says, "Heterosexual males are being forced out, discouraged by the excessive number of homosexuals in the seminary." Forced out? C'mon, nobody twisting their arms. Discouraged? What the heck is there to be discouraged about? Excessive? How many homosexuals are too many? Wilkes, wake up!

Wilkes cites as "causes for alarm" a study that shows that more seminarians today than in 1969 are sometimes attracted to the male body. What's alarming is Wilkes' perception of sexuality. Write to Letters to the Editor / The Atlantic / 745 Boylston St. / Boston, MA 02116.

NAACP may award homophobic film

Rollin McFarland, Vice-President of the Hollywood chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), promised GLAAD last September that the organization would not support homophobic material. This came after the NAACP gave Eddie Murphy an Image Award for positive media portrayal of blacks, claiming no knowledge of the extensive homophobic material in Murphy's movie Raw. But in the latest round of the NAACP's Image Awards, the film House Party, which contains an anti-gay rap song, was nominated for "best film."

In a phone interview, McFarland claimed to be unaware of GLAAD's denouncement of House Party. GLAAD faxed him a copy of the GLAAD Variety ad that cites House Party's homophobic lyrics. Since then, GLAAD's requests to meet with the Image qe Award nominating committee have gone unanswered.

Your help is needed to ensure that positive African-American images are not equated with homophobia. Write or call Rollin McFarland / NAACP/Hollywood / 1680 Vine St. / Hollywood, CA 90028 / 213-464-7616.

Advertisers to thank for their support

Okay, crack your knuckles and arm yourself with plenty of stamps. Here come the addresses of the companies that advertised on two gay-positive TV programs.

First are the sponsors of NBC's moving and educational Lifestories episode of December 18, titled "Steve Burdick," that featured a gay TV news anchorperson with AIDS who came out on camera: Alka Seltzer; Arm & Hammer; Visine; Purina; Plax; Nytol; Stetson; Duracell; Sony Trinitron; Sensodyne.

Let NBC know that we look forward to seeing more programs with lesbian, gay and bisexual characters by writing to Warren Littlefield, President / NBC Entertainment / 3000 W. Alameda Ave. / Burbank, CA 91523, or call him at 818-840-4444.

Next come the sponsors of the December 18 episode of ABC's Thirtysomething on which Russell and Peter, the gay characters, attended a New Years Eve party at which they kissed (chastely) and embraced at midnight: Alpo; Braun Appliances; Acura; Sprint; Universal Pictures; Swatch Watches and Accessories; Ford Motor Co.; Post Alpha-Bits Cereal Corp.; K-Mart Stores; Visa; Warner Brothers Inc.; Campbell Soups.

The Koppel Report examines Soviet sex

The December 19 ABC special, The Koppel Report, focused on "Sex in the Soviet Union" and devoted about 7 minutes to the topic of homosexuality. Although it used the topic to segue into a discussion of AIDS, the segment discussed the growing political movement among lesbians and gays in the Soviet Union in a positive manner. Koppel interviewed two lesbians and two gay men. While Soviet laws against homosexuality apparently do not apply to lesbians, women have been imprisoned or involuntarily placed in mental institutions because of their sexual orientation.

Unfortunately, during the discussion on AIDS, Koppel erroneously stated, "AIDS is spreading throughout the gay community in the Soviet Union for many of the same reasons that caused it to spread in the U.S. - Promiscuity and ignorance." Unsafe sex is not the same as promiscuity. Perhaps Koppel should also have mentioned the homophobia and censorship that impede safe-sex educational efforts and perpetuate ignorance.

Send words of praise and criticism to Ted Koppel and to Lionel Chapman, Executive Producer / 1717 DeSales, NW / Washington, DC 20036 / 202-887-7360.

AT& T not so bad

A reader at the STOP AIDS Project contacted GLAAD/SFBA to point out that in spite of the not-so-good things AT&T has done for lesbians and gays, it has done some good things for gay men with AIDS. According to Kevin Walsh, Development Director at the STOP AIDS Project, AT&T was the first of the few corporations that have supported the organization financially. The organization has had difficulty raising money from most corporate funders because its target group is gay men with AIDS. AT&T gave the STOP AIDS Project a $2,500 grant last February. And recently, AT&T sent the organization a $2,000 check in memory of a deceased employee. Walsh also pointed out (and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation confirmed) that AT&T gave SFAF a $15,000 grant last February. So, in fairness, AT&T does have a good side.▼

Where to write...
To let the media know how you feel (favorably or unfavorably) about the portrayal of the gay lifestyle ...
KCRA, Channel 3, 3 Television Circle, Sac. 95814 — KRBK, Channel 31, 500 Media Place, Sac. 95818
KTXL, Channel 40, 4655 Fruitridge Rd., Sac. 95820 — KVIE, Channel 6, Box 6, Sacramento
KXTV, Channel10, 400 Broadway, Sac. 95818 — KOVR, Channel 13, 2713 KOVR Dr. West Sac. 95605
KSCH, Channel 58, 3033 Gold Canal Dr., Rancho Cordova

RENAISSANCE construction
Steve Neville
LICENSE NO 384772
P.O. Box 162518
SACRAMENTO, CA 95818
916/442-6565

ENGLISH GARDEN CARE

- Reasonable Rates -
For free estimate contact
For free estimate contact
J. Taylor Daniels
(916) 489-8903

FEATHER YOUR NEST
Home Repair

-Doors/locks
-Windows/walls
-Plumbing
-Electrical
-Painting
-Decks/fences
Free estimates
916/652-4204
Gayle Rendleman
Contr. Lic. #607765

☐Painting
Interior / Exterior
Faux Finishes
☐Decks and Fences
☐Landscaping
15 Years Experience
Herb & Greg
446-0459

This space could be yours for as little as $22/issue

MOBILE BOAT SERVICE & REPAIR

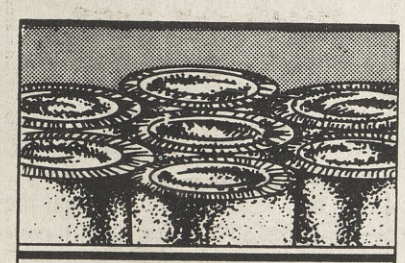
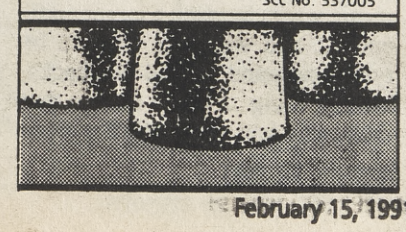
Boat Motor Works

MOBILE
SERVICE
MICHAEL CHAPMAN
Bus: 689-7670
Pager: 863-8435

7 Years Experience

Looking for Competent Cleaning?
Wimpy's Carpet Care
- Carpet Cleaning
- Repairs
- Janitorial
- Commercial & Residential

Robert Peterson
444-8810


Hardwick's Carpets
WE SELL & INSTALL
QUALITY AT
WAREHOUSE PRICES
CALL
454-0603
For free estimate
SCL No. 537005


OLGA'S

Licensed & Bonded
Household Services Agency
"When You Want The Best"
453-0762
Housekeeping
Washing • Ironing
Cooking • Shopping
Parties • Serving
$6 OFF ON FIRST SERVICE

Making a way for women in music

An interview with June Millington and Ann Hackler

by Joyce Bezaz
OF MGW STAFF

The Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA) began for June Millington as a dream. It was born from her personal history and work as a woman in music. Through her experiences she recognized a great need for the support of women musicians, as well as encouragement for women in the technical and business aspects of music (i.e., recording, engineering, booking, managing). June and her partner of seven years, Ann Hackler (who is a cellist in the Solano Symphony), are making this dream a reality. They have established IMA as a non-profit, multi-culturally based school geared towards the needs of women. The institute, currently based in the Sacramento area, owns and operates its own recording studio and provides workshops which, among other things, help women put out product/recorded samples of their music. IMA also has an archive on video -- a library which includes a documentation of women in music. The following are excerpts from an interview with Ann and June which elaborates upon the purpose, philosophy and goals of IMA.

What is the purpose and philosophy of IMA?

Ann: The basic idea is that IMA is a multicultural school for women to study music and music business. Our being multicultural is critical (in terms of philosophy). I have always been interested in the arts as a tool ... as a real tool for change. I have come to believe through doing a lot of political activism ... that we really need to take a big leap in our mind set around social change. I am interested in creating new structures that will take us, hopefully, beyond what's happening in the Middle East ... will take us beyond war. I'm really interested in putting my energy into creation. (IMA) Being multicultural is critical, because I think that racism is one of the things that perpetuates war. It perpetuates certainly our image of the Arabs, for instance. It helps George Bush justify what he is doing ... Conquering groups, dehumanizing another group in any way ... racism is certainly one of those ways. We really need to break those barriers down, globally and locally. So that's why I'm really into the IMA. As the executive director I organize and develop the workshop concepts, I do the grant-writing, I make the posters ... I do almost everything. Except June does a lot of the fundraising; she pulled together the board. She's kind of the magnet for IMA, and I do the organizational things. I'm hoping we are going to get a grant from San Francisco Foundation soon ... it really is too much for one person, and that's another reason why our development is so slow. First we are fund-raising and then we are not doing anything in the community. Then we are focusing on other things and can't do any fundraising. We do enough fundraising to limp along, but not to take that leap which we want to take. We'd like to hire at least two full-time staff and then we can really get the ball rolling.

The IMA comes out of June's history, her work as a woman in music, and her recognition of a need for a lot of support for women.

How was the idea to start such a school born?

June: I went to high school here in Sacramento -- McClatchy High ... it actually began in junior high. I remember when Jean (June's sister) and I started out here in '61, I was 13 and Jean was 12, we had just started to play acoustic guitars -- we played ukuleles in the Philippines -- and by the time we started to play electric guitar in the mid-60's, there was no place to go and study. So it's a very integral part of our personal herstory, that back when we had the first inkling to be professional ... to even think of the idea of trying to play like Jerry Garcia was such a frightening thought, because no other women had done it, so I had no role models. I had no place to go and get information ... In a lot of ways the intention behind my helping to found IMA is feeding that young girl within myself -- holding a hand out to her. And of course, by doing this I hold my hand out to all the women who are here now.

Is IMA for women only – that is, exclusive of men?

Ann: It's geared towards women, but we don't exclude men. There have been men who come to our workshops, there's a man on the board, and some of the workshops have been taught by men. But when we are thinking of developing our programs, we are thinking of women.

June: We don't advertise our workshops to men. For example, our mailing list is 99 percent women, we advertise in women's publications. I know that this is controversial, but in talking with most of the women who we approach about teaching, ... they feel adamantly about the fact that we have learned a lot of our information from these men who are willing to help -- who have that open heart. We are living in the real world, so we feel that if we only teach women and have women teaching, in a way we would be shortchanging those who need to come in and get information ... That's part of the interesting thing I've found since being involved in women's music since playing on *"The Changer and The Changed,"* in the beginning we were so radical, so feminist, so into doing this by ourselves ... and then now we've come full circle where almost everybody I know who plays women's music wants to reach a larger audience ... and we don't want to be tying one hand behind our backs, kind of thing ... I also realize that those who feel very radically separatist, that they have a lot of very valid reasons to feel that way. But we can't base our actions just on that concept.

What is going on in the music industry which makes it important to have an institute such as IMA?

June: Women definitely have a harder time breaking into the music industry. When we're talking about mainstream, we're talking about manipulation. And it's a lot easier for guys to work together because they have that "old boy" network ... When you're talking about a woman, you're talking about supreme manipulation. If you take a look at what's on the tube, they're very young, they have to dance a certain way, and the pouting, and that kind of stuff ... So they have to be able and willing to get into that sort of posturing. When you are talking about women's music there is no so much of the manipulation. But when you're talking about business practices, the stuff we learn is so internalized that I see women doing to each other the same kind of things I encountered in Hollywood, which is very disappointing for me ... That's one of the messages we share in our workshops, is just because you're working with a woman, don't do what I did, which is just to believe the rhetoric. Like the "Hey, sister...", it doesn't always work that way. But when it does, it's beautiful. It does enough of the time to keep us optimistic and hopeful.

Ann Hackler and June Millington

We also hear from a lot of people that they send their material into the women's record companies that they don't get replies, or when they do, they don't really feel they are being taken into consideration ... A lot of women feel very disenchanted ... particularly women of color and single mothers, who don't have the resources to put themselves out there. ... So, it's still very difficult for them. There is a pervasive feeling with the women who are engaged in a business sense with the industry that there's just not enough of the pie to go around. In a sense, if you take a look at some of their experiences, I know that in the early days "Olivia" did try to put out music other than a white woman who was playing kind of folkie and so on, and they were having really disastrous experiences. They were finding that the audiences, which are mainly middle class white women ... that's what they are culturally attuned to. There's so much subtle stuff that goes into it, and that's part of what IMA will be involved with -- not just information about what you play in notes, but "this is what's really out there." We have to constantly work within ourselves to take a look at those subtle layers, because it's not enough to be incredibly talented, you have to then see who's out there, who's buying the music, what do they think, and how are we going to work to break down those barriers ... As a woman who's half Asian who was raised in the Philippines, one of my secret agendas is to eventually bring women from other parts of the world, like the far east, to play their music here ... To show that it's not just about trying to learn western music really well ... Polynesian music (for example), when I went to Hawaii and heard their sacred chants ... The reason why they do it is not to just go shake a tail feather and make a buck, it's because they communicate with the Goddess and so forth ... Part of it is revealing the mystery behind music, and giving a good foundation for the motivation for doing it ... ethical and moral behavior around doing music. Of course We realize that we have to make a living, so that's part of it, and that's part of why we're concerned about giving business and technical information. But also you have to live life ... while having the gift of sharing the talent ... All of that is followed by my desire to work with children as well.

Ann: I'd just like to add that one of the reasons we established IMA as non-profit is we'd eventually like to help women record, possibly put out sampler albums, be the place where a lot of women get their chance to have a product. One of the reasons IMA will be different from something like "Olivia" is that we are non-profit so we are not trying to compete in the profit market. We don't have to play by the same games to get certain breaks. It will be a different sort of thing, and in many ways it may be a lot more like what the original "Olivia" women imagined "Olivia" would be ... which is not to slam "Olivia." It served a purpose and it is growing into a specific sort of thing. But it had to compete in the profit market, and to do that, I think you have to do certain things that a lot of us thought we'd probably never do. As a result people have been hurt because they thought it wasn't going to happen ... So hopefully we will create a new way for women to get their music out there.

What are your funding sources?

Ann: Grants and donations.

Are donations to IMA tax-deductible?

Ann: Yes, absolutely.

I wonder if audiences think that since an artist has an album, or two or three albums, she must be rich, like many of the popular mainstream artists?

June: Nothing could be farther from the truth! Of all the women I know, a handful really make enough money not to be worried about their bills every single month.

I don't think a lot of women realize how important it is to support our women's music. For example, many of us do not realize the implications of copying an album for a friend, and how difficult it is for our record companies and artists to continue.

Economically, we are not separate from most women in our audiences ... in fact, we are probably making less.

Do you have any workshops for those people other than those interested in recording?

Ann: Yes -- some of our previous workshops have been on booking, fundraising, distribution, concerts, the herstory of women in music, as well as putting out your own recording on an independent record label.

June: We also have all the workshops on video -- a video library that people can review what we've done in the past.

Do you have any workshops for non-professionals who are interested in music?

Ann: The performance intensives are opportunities for women to come, who are musicians, whose skills range from the basics (on up). Some of the women who come have taken piano lessons and have some skills in the basics ... or who sing, who sing in the shower, or what have you. These women take a three hour class with someone like June (in guitar), or a vocal class with Rhiannin, or keyboards with Mary Watkins. And then, they have the opportunity to come together with some of the other musicians in the workshop, and work up some tunes as a band ... Just standard tunes that a lot of people know ...

June: I would also love to do a demystifying workshop for music enthusiasts, who have nothing to do with the business ... Actually, I would also like to ask your readers to write to us, and if they have suggestions on particular workshops, things they

See *Music* on page 18

MGW MOM...GUESS WHAT! Extra

flash

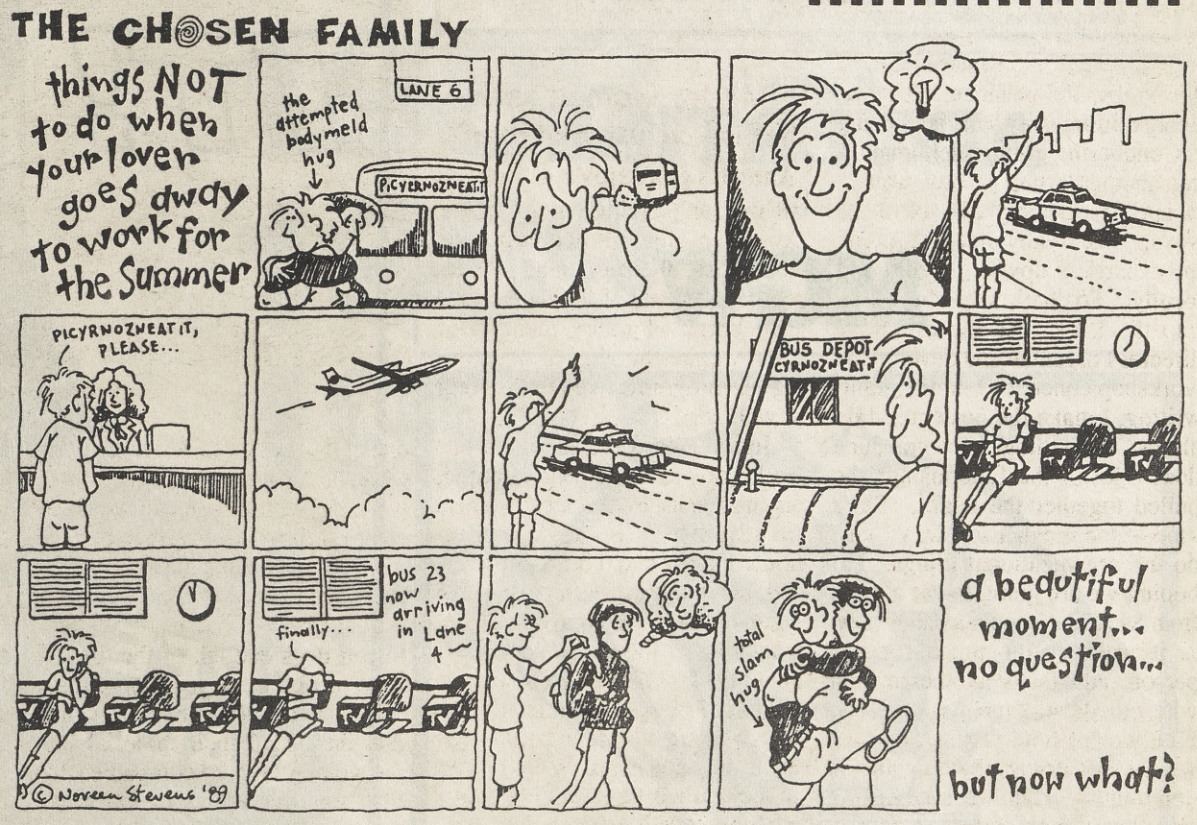
by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)

What exactly is the ***FLASH*** column all about? It is optimistic, informational and occasionally humorous. The column contains reviews and social commentary. It is another avenue to find out what is going on around town. You will also hear about busy, active and above all **PROUD** members of the community. Thanks for all the news that you have shared with me and the *MGW* readers over the years. Keep it coming and submit your photographs too! ● The authorities have finally caught up with **Frank Lawler**. Before taking the state **CBEST** teacher's exam, I spied **Frank** in the next classroom. He gave some flimsy excuse about needing the test for an administrative post. If you ask me, it was most likely a matter of justice finally being served. **Frank,** knowing the weight such tests carry, was sweating bullets at the conclusion ● **CARES, EL HOGAR, SAF** and **WCIC** are all proud sponsors of the June 1, 1991 **AIDS Walk Sacramento.** Check out their new office at 500 22nd Street. Better yet, sign a Volunteer Recruitment Form for a two hour stint; call 552-6767. It promises to be the best walk ever. With so many organizations involved, how can they go wrong! ● It's always fun to receive anonymous mail with revealing data. Apparently **Matt Lund** (of **Doug Wylie & Matt Lund** fame) won first prize in the Mr. Bare Chest contest while vacationing in Key West, Florida. The title was bestowed last Thanksgiving. Due to Matt's shy nature, it has taken all this time for the facts to surface in Sacramento. We all expect a showing come spring (or sooner!) ● **River City Democratic Club** (RCDC) is taking on 1991 with great gusto. The group is organizing door-to-door campaigning for rural northern California senate hopeful Patti Mattingly. The co-chairs behind this effort are **Mary Smith** and **Robert Jordan.** RCDC just elected new officers for a two year term. One third of the team is women. At the top of the "ticket" is **Judy Ludwick** and **Lou Camera. Karl Greene** steps down with honors as last year's president ● Last time there were comments about a Gay/Lesbian float in the Super Bowl parade. Since the game straddled our press deadline, we were unsure if it happened. According to my longtime friend and L.A. activist **Vernon Mitchell,** the float did participate in the pregame parade. Due to inclement weather and events in the Persian Gulf, the parade was not well-attended or covered to any extent by the media. Better luck next year. (At least we are in the door!) ● When all else fails, **Dance!** Sacramento has a style for everyone. Besides the ever-popular bars around town, there are organizations, churches, community centers, house parties and classes. Whatever your mode of operation, there is an outlet for you ● **SACWN** also keeps the women dancing at a Valentine's extravaganza on February 23. Music will be performed by the Heartbeats. Since the size of this group has blossomed, this dance is sure to be a sellout ● **Yours truly** is doing his best to keep everyone partner dancing. The Lambda Community Center is offering a **FREE Swing Workshop** on February 18. Learn what it's all about or brush up on what you already know. My next six week **mini-course** starts Monday, February 25. It's a fun, social alternative using Big Band, contemporary and Country/Western music ● If you missed ***Longtime Companion*** at the theatres, (and shame on you if you did) it is now available on video. Kudos to the ***Sacramento Bee*** and **Joe Baltake** for reprinting his capsule review -- four stars! ● **Richard Hernandez,** director of personnel at the Hyatt Regency, has been appointed to the board of directors at the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES). Congratulations ● My comments regarding the **"other columnist"** should be more solemn this time. Dig out your get well cards as **Hedda** (aka Dan Palomino) is scheduled for knee surgery soon. While this is serious, one would think a good pair of knee pads would be just as helpful! In all sincerity, best wishes on a speedy recovery ● **Lite Rail Gallery** continues its innovative style with an exhibit of photographs by Igor Kostin. ***Chernobyl -- Memories Not To Be Forgotten*** is on display through February 23. The gallery is located at 918 12th Street ● SAF's Healthy Living Series continues with ***HIV & Nutrition: Fuel for Your Immune*** system on February 25. This workshop demonstrates the foundation's commitment to overall health maintenance. Mark your calendars ● In this time of many changes, take time to evaluate what is most important to you, don't get lost in the confusion. Until next time ..... ***John***▼

Photo by Art Farmer
Kathy Jenkins (Scooter) performed at the Sacramento Leather Association's Show at Joseph's Town & Country. Ms. Leather Sacramento for 1991 was awarded to Janna.

FREE
relationship personals
in MGW ...
details on page 17


THE CHOSEN FAMILY
things NOT to do when your lover goes away to work for the Summer
the attempted bodymeld hug
LANE 6
PICYRNOZNEAT IT, PLEASE...
BUS DEPOT CYRNOZNEATH
finally...
bus 23 now arriving in Lane 4
total slam hug
a beautiful moment... no question...
but now what?
© Noreen Stevens '89

Bittersweet by Charles Haver
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT?! IT'S NOT SPRING YET!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO EARLY TO COME OUT? IT'S GOING TO GET COLD AGAIN! THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?
WHAT A STUPID DAFFODIL!
©1989
NOBODY EVER TOLD ME THERE WAS A GOOD TIME TO COME OUT...
Chas.

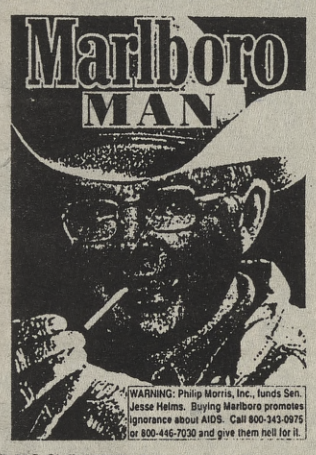
VANNAH

Continued from Extra page 14

Terry Sidee will be hosting a **th birthday party for Lady Garnet on Sunday, March 10 in the Video Room of Faces. If you want to know how old she really is, you'll just have to show up and ask her yourself. There are some assignments too dangerous for any correspondent to take on.

The Excitement is building as "La Cage Awful" nears. Set aside Sunday the 17th as a date to remember. It's when some of Sacramento's most infamous will be delighting you on stage. A chance like this doesn't come up often, so fill the instamatic with film, check the flash battery and get to the Tuesday Club at 6pm for the show of a lifetime.▼

JESSE HELMS IS THE REAL


Marlboro
MAN
WARNING: Philip Morris, Inc., funds Sen. Jesse Helms. Buying Marlboro promotes ignorance about AIDS. Call 800-343-0975 or 800-446-7030 and give them hell for it.

BOYCOTT MARLBORO!

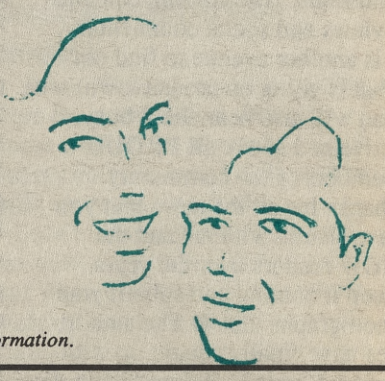
ACT UP/DC P.O. BOX 9318, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005 (202) 738-7530

Fund honors bar for support of "Speak Out" program

Photo by Jim Marks

The D.C. Eagle, one of Washington, D.C.'s most popular gay bars, was awarded the 1990 Human Rights Campaign Fund Community Service Award in appreciation for the "critical role" it played in the vital promotion and visibility of the Campaign Fund's "Speak Out" constituent mail program.

FREE



Relationship Ads!

First 25 words free,
30 cents/word after.

See page 23 for more information.

Give me some *HEAT*!

Call now and hear provocative guys in the category of your choice tell you exactly what they're like, what turns them on, and give you **their private phone numbers** so you can contact them right away for hot times!

CHOICE 1 **LEATHERMEN**
Tops, bottoms, and much more
...for MEN who hang tough.

CHOICE ABC 2 **CROSSDRESSERS**
Transvestites, transsexuals, plus
anyone wishing to meet them.

CHOICE DEF 3 **BLACK HEAT**
Men of color plus anyone
seeking gay or bi men of color.

Photos by KING

AT LEAST 45 **DIFFERENT** TALKING PERSONALS EACH DAY

Call 1-900-990-*HEAT*
4 3 2 8

AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE • JUST 99¢ PER MINUTE + $1 CONNECTION CHARGE

It pays to
ADVERTISE
in
MGW MOM... GUESS WHAT!

CALL NOW!

#1
IN THE USA!

1-900-646-4646

- "Talking Personals" in over 25 Gay categories
- Meet Nice Guys for Dating and Friendship
- Meet Hot Guys that like to get REAL WILD!
- Fun — Safe — Easy to use — Open 24 hours

Gay owned & operated — $2/min. More info: (305) 565-4455, Ext: 2321

MGW
MOM...GUESS WHAT!

Distribution List

Sacramento

MGW Newspaper	**1725 L Street**
Buffalo Club	19th & S Street
Faces	20th & K Street
Joseph's Town & Country	2062 Auburn Blvd.
Townhouse	21st & O Street
Mercantile	20th & L Street
The Wreck Room	2513 Broadway
AIDS Foundation	1900 K Street
Tower Books	2538 Watt Ave.
Tower Books	Broadway & 16th
Tower Books	5950 Florin Rd.
Tower Books	7830 Macy Plaza Dr., C.H.
Tower Theater	Broadway & 16th
YWCA	17th & L Street
Incredible Edible Rest	1401 Alhambra
Lambda Center	L & 20th
Sac Food Co-Op	1900 Alhambra.
Midtown Video	2425 J Street
Lioness Books	2224 J Street
Time Tested Books	1114 21st Street
Let's Celebrate	2318 J Street
Cares	2710 Capitol Ave.
Judy's Gifts & Books	2231 J Street
Fox & Goose	1001 R Street
Western Bar	K Street at 20th
MCC Church	2741 34th Street

Davis

Newsbeat	231 E Street

Advertise your Business in **MGW** Newspaper

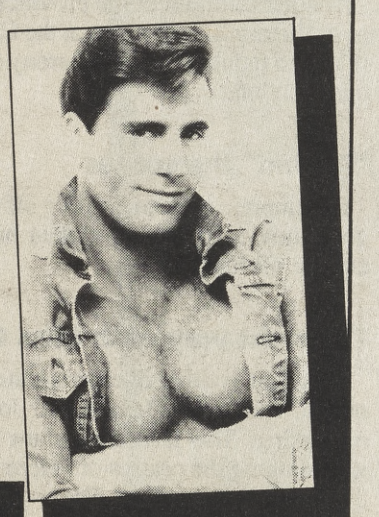
gpa
GAY AND LESBIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Give Our Advertisers Some Strokes!

While patronizing the business of one of our advertisers, let them know your read about their establishment in **MGW.**

MAN T·O MAN

CONTACTS



TALKING PERSONAL ADS ARRANGED BY AREA CODE

CALL TODAY, MAKE A DATE TONIGHT !

1-900 $2 First min. $1 Each additional min.
234-3500
INSTANT PRIVATE VOICE MAIL BOXES

1-900 $1.95 Per min. Adults only
234-M6A2L5E3
DIRECT CONTACTS WITH PHONE NUMBERS PLUS TRUE GAY CONFESSIONS

DIAL IN YOUR AREA CODE GET ADS FROM MEN IN YOUR LOCAL AREA - NOT FROM ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY! RECORD YOUR OWN PERSONAL AD TODAY AND MEET MEN IN YOUR LOCAL AREA TONIGHT!

GET A WOMAN...

ROMANCE CONNECTION
1-900-844-2002

SAFE SEX HEADQUARTERS
1-900-844-6922

CALIFORNIA'S MOST POPULAR MEETING PLACES FOR GAY WOMEN!

95¢ min

RECORD FREE! (916) 443-7681

MEN!
1-900-844-2002

95¢ min

Record Free! (916) 443-7681

1978
1979
1980
1981
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986
1987
1988
1989
1990
199

Don't miss out on the present.
Subscribe to MGW.

Dependable News - First and Foremost

Serving you with facts, figures and fun for over 13 years.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip* _____

◯ *Check enclosed* ◯ *Moving* ◯ *Renewal*

Number of years at $25 per year _____ *Total* _____

Mail to MGW, 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

organizations

ACTIVIST GROUPS

ACT UP/Sacramento
Hotline 552-1996

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION (GLAAD)552-1935

LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT
6212 Silverton Wy., Carmichael 95608 965-6851

NATL. ORG. FOR WOMEN(NOW)
Box 1404, 95807 442-3414, 443-3470
3rd Wed., 7pm, Coloma Comm. Center

LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND
Box 163654, 95816
Jerry, 381-3115, 442-0185

SAC GAY & LESBIAN TOWN COUNCIL (SGLTC)

LAMBDA CENTER
4th Tuesday, 7:30pm

STONEWALL ALLIANCE OF CHICO
Box 8855, Chico, 95927
Eric 343-8767

ADDICTION RECOVERY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
(Gay meetings) North Hall
454-1100 for schedule

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
MCC Church 35th & Broadway (2nd floor)
Sat. 12:30-2pm

AL-ANON
Unitarian Church 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sun. 6-7pm

CO-DEPENDENTS OF ALCOHOLICS
Friends Community Church (basement)
41st & E streets Mon. 8pm

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Lambda Comm. Center 1931 L St. (2nd floor)
Fri. 8pm

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Sutter Memorial Hospital 2nd floor conf.
30th & L streets Wed., 8pm

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS
9616 Micron Ave., Off Bradshaw
Thurs. 7-8:30pm

SEX & LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
Clunie Club House McKinley Blvd. & H St.
Thurs. 7:30-9pm

INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS
756-8181, ask for a male or female mtg.

THE EFFORT
Outpatient Counseling Clinic 1820 J St.
444-6294 M-Th 9am-8pm; F 9am-6pm

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
448-2951

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS
6029 San Juan Ave. Sunrise Bookstore
969-6695 Sundays, 6pm

COMPUTER GROUPS

ACROPOLIS
2620 Hazel Ave., F.O. 95628
Will 967-5817, 966-5678

PARTHENON
2620 Hazel Ave., F.O. 95628
Will 443-5817, 927-2702, 966-5678

CULTURAL GROUPS

DAVIS WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE
Christine 758-2875 4th Thursdays

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
2131 Capitol Ave., #206, 95816 444-6903
4th Wednesdays, 6:30pm, City Hall

LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT
1370 Mission St., S.F. 94103

EVENT GROUPS

LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR COMMITTEE
442-0185

HEALTH

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE
Sutter Community Hospital 733-3000

HIV/AIDS

AIDS FOUNDATION
1900 K St., #201 448-AIDS

MOTHERS ONLY
(SAF) 1900 K St., #201 Francis 646-6122

PLACER AIDS FOUNDATION
12183 Locksley Ln., #205
Auburn, 95603 889-AIDS

SAC AID TO AIDS
Box 255774, 95865 Joe P. Garrett, 929-3417

PSSN NEWSLETTER
447-5925

SAN JOAQUIN AIDS FOUNDATION
4410 Pershing Ave., #C5
Stockton, 95207 209-476-8533

SIERRA AIDS COUNCIL
Box 1062, Sonora 95370 209-533-2873

YOLO HOSPICE
211 E St., Davis; Box 1014, Davis, 95614
Eva 758-5566, 372-5863, 686-3774

HOBBIES

BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB
Sac. Delta, SF Bay, 847 Oak St., S.F. 94117
415-255-1049, 916-972-9317

VALLEY GRILS CAR CLUB
John Sturla 381-0789

HOTLINES

AIDS HOTLINE 800-342-AIDS,
HEARING IMPAIRED 800-AIDS-TTY,
SPANISH 800-334-7432 - CIDA

CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY HOTLINE
800-843-5200

DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE
449-5566

NATL. HATE CRIME HOTLINE
Report gay bashings 800-347-HATE

NATL. GAY/LESBIAN CRISIS LINE
800-SOS-GAYS, 800-767-4297

PET LOSS
752-4200

MEDIA

MGW NEWSPAPER
1725 L St., 95814 441-NEWS (9-5 weekdays)

BEING GAY TODAY
Cable Channel 63 Ron Hatch 392-7025
Tues., 10pm; Thurs., 9pm

GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH
Cable Channel 47 Sats., 10am;
Thurs., 8pm; Fri., 3pm

MCC MINISTRY
Cable Channel 47 Mondays, 10pm; Tuesdays, 5pm; Wednesdays, noon

PARENTING/FAMILY

GAY FATHERS OF SACRAMENTO
456-3237 2nd Sundays

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS
2391 St. Marks Way, Box 2163, W. Sac. 95691
Merrill Follansbee, 444-9510
3rd Tuesdays, 7:30pm

PARENTS FLAG SPEAKERS BUREAU
Linda Leighton, 342-6200

QUAD SOCIETY
Bisexual family-oriented educational & recreational group. Box 660664, Sac. 95866

PERFORMING ARTS

CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB
William Land School Tuesdays, 6:30pm
12th & V St., 8pm George Fox 447-2271

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS
Box 188726, 95818

SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CHORUS
Martie 756-5658, 753-6022 Mondays, 6:30pm

POLITICIANS

ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL ISENBERG
1215 15th St., #102, 95814

ALLISON HARVEY/MICHAEL ALCALAY
324-4676

ASSEMBLYMAN LLOYD CONNELLY
2705 K St., #6, 95816

PAT MACDONALD
443-1183

POLITICAL GROUPS

CALIFORNIA CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (CAPPAC)
1008 10th St., #255, 95814 736-2722

GALAPAC
Box 46577 West Hollywood, 90046

LAMBDA STUDENTS FOR EQUALITY, CSUS
Brian Polejes 443-1765;
Jennifer Greenman 456-3469

LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM & EQUALITY (LIFE) 926 J St., #1020, 95814

RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB (RCDC)
Box 161958, 95816

LAMBDA COMM. CENTER
1931 L St. Karl Greene 927-2029
3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

GAY & LESBIAN UNIV. OF CALIF. EMPLOYEES
John Bennett, 424-5717

SAC GAY REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION
921-6642 1st Thursday

SAC TRADESWOMEN
456-5555 2nd Fridays

SAC AREA GAY & LESBIAN EDUCATORS
Box 2712, Elk Grove 95759
Norman Lorenz 682-8948
Frank Lawler 485-7960 Tom Harp 456-6673

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

AFFIRMATION
(United Methodist for Lesbian and Gay Concerns) Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER
A reconciled in Christ (open to lesbian/gay participants congregation 4641 Marconi Ave.
Pastor Todd VanLaningham 483-5691, 456-9642 Sundays 10:15

CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LESBIANS
Kathleen 362-4133 1st Saturdays

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV
220 Danvers St., S.F. 94114 415-861-6932

DIGNITY
Box 161765, 95818

ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL
26th & K 441-0427 2nd and 4th Sunday, 3pm

DELTA HARVEST MCC
Box 8323, Stockton 95208
Worship at 1st Unitarian Church, Pacific & Bristol 209-473-7075 Sundays, 6:30pm

RIVER CITY MCC
Box 24125, 95824; 3418 Broadway 454-4762
Worship: Sun., 9am, 11am, 6pm TV Ministry, Ch. 47: Mon. 10pm; Tues. 5pm; Weds. noon

REACH OUT!Ex-Jehovah Witness/Mormons
Box 1173 Clackamus, OR 97015
Sharon Tyner, 503-657-0620

DAVIS MOONCIRCLE(Goddess/Pagen)
meet at Davis Unitarian Universalist Church
27074 Patwin Rd. Kay 758-7727 for info. 2nd Sunday, 7:30pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
2425 Sierra Blvd. Sunday celebration 11am; Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong 483-9283

RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTSRLDS Church Bld., 2331 K St. Sunday School 1:30 Sacrament meeting 2:30 444-8291

SOCIAL/ NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION FOR WOMEN IN THE VALLEY 209-478-4447

CAPITOL CITY SOCIAL CLUB
Box 160752, Sac, 95816 Bud 971-9696

CGNIE
Box 160636, 95816 447-0345, 927-9540 1st Tues.

EL DORADO WOMEN'S CENTER
3133 Gilmore St., Placerville, 95667
626-1450, 626-1131

FLAGS (Foothill Lesbian and Gay Social)
Box 4982, Auburn, 95604 2nd Saturday

Foothills Alternative Women's Newsletter (FAWN) Nevada, Placer & El Dorado Counties
272-6544, 265-9312

THE GIRLZ CLUB
Betsy Gowan 345-2609

INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER INC
2215 R Market St., #450, S.F. 94114

IF THE SHOE FITS (El Dorado Lesbian/Gay Network) Box 2215, Placerville, 95667 622-8690

NUDE EXCHANGE (NTE)
Box 1624, North Highlands 95660

SOUTH SACRAMENTO SOCIAL
395-428-2815

SACRAMENTO AREA WOMEN'S NETWORK (SACWN) Linda Killick 486-8985 3rd Fri, 6:30pm

PILLARS
331-3602 alternating Fridays, 6:30pm

SAC PULSE (Women's card group)
Gloria 368-1051

SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CENTER
2306 J St., #200 441-4207

SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO LINE
(Women Preferring Women) Box 9, Vacaville 95696 Kathy 707-448-1010, 707-449-0550

SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL
for Women in December
Mailing list: Linda Birner, 1725 L St., 95814

WOMEN'S RAP GROUP AND SOCIAL
Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 381-5569 Mon, 7pm

YWCA
1122 17th St., 95814 442-4741

SPORTS

CAMPING WOMEN
Box 13261, 95813 Gail, 689-9326
Camille 662-0460

GAY GAMES IV, NEW YORK
Times Square Station Box 202
NY, NY 10036 212-732-3612; 718-857-1793

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (OAS)
Box 23113, 95823 644-4170 1st Wednesdays

RIVER CITY BOWLERS
Southbowl Paul 927-5431 Sundays, 6pm

RIVER CITY BILLIARDS LEAGUE
Judy 962-1349 Tuesdays, 6pm practice; 7:30pm play

SPOKES WOMYN CYCLING CLUB
Box 162784, 95816 452-6540

GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
Bay Area Chapter Box 14398 San Francisco 94114-0398

RODEO HOTLINE 415-863-4487

SAC RIVER CITY RUGGERS(women)
learn to play rugby Practice Tues. & Sat.
Bambi 923-9327

STUDENTS

BISEXUALS, GAYS & LESBIANS AT DAVIS
433 Russell Blvd., 95616 753-2090
1st & 3rd Wed., 7pm

CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER
6000 J St., 95819 278-7388

DELTA LAMBDA PHI
Steven Naugle 451-6659
Kenneth Thompson (UCD) 756-7225

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC (GLAS)
CSUS, 6000 J St.; Box 33, 95819

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
5:30-7pm Mon Gen. meetings Thurs. 8:30-10pm
Brian 441-7305; Jennifer 456-3469

GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC
484-8340 Thursdays, 11am

SUPPORT GROUPS

FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP R. Smith, Box 803, C.H. 95621

HIV/SUPPORT LUTHERAN GROUP
Church of Our Redeemer 4641 Marconi Ave., Fireside Rm. 483-5691, 456-9642

FAMILY MEMBERS SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV+/AIDS Church of Our Redeemer
4641 Marconi Ave. Fireside Room 7pm
Todd VanLaningham, Pastor

MOTHERLODE CONNECTION FOR MEN
Box 1062, Sonora 95370 533-2873

PEOPLE TOGETHER (SUPPORT GROUP HIV)
MCC Social Hall 2741 34th St. 454-4762
Tuesdays, 7:30pm

PETLOSS SUPPORT HOTLINE
752-4200 M-F 6:30am-9:30pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
2425 Sierra Blvd. 483-9283

YOUTH

RIVER CITY MCC YOUTH GROUP
Box 245125, 95824; MCC Social Hall Wed., 7pm

YOUTH GROUP
Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185 Fridays, 5:45pm

To list your non-profit organization, list name of group, address, meeting time, contact name & phone, and mail to MGW, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814

court report

by Hal Griffiths
OF MGW STAFF

New faces with crowns

In a weekend filled with fun and entertainment, the Province of Chico celebrated the retiring of one Czaristic reign and the beginning of a new one. Czar Timothy II was honored for his year of hard work and devotion to the court. The monarch's show on Friday evening at RJ's was a tribute to him from many dignitaries. His community's great love for him was evident since it took $84 for the honor of throwing the first cream pie in his face. Subsequent pies were only a dollar. The empress didn't want to take any chances, so she paid $5 and stood very close. She successfully creamed the Czar's face.

Enthronement ceremonies was great fun. A special performance by Jacquie Jewels and her leathermen from San Francisco is sure to be the lasting memory of many attendees. The evening ended with the Empress introducing the new reigning crowned heads: Czar Steven III and Czarina Claudette de Versailles III.

In a moving and emotional ceremony the next day, the power of office was transferred from old reign to new at the grave of Empress XIII Randi in Oroville.

Another tradition of the province is for the Czar leaving office to do a post-Victory Brunch show at the Club Alpine in Redding. Czar Timothy II looked fabulous and the Barony of Redding was out in force to support this function.

"Behind" the scenes

The empress took an evening off to see *Dances with Wolves*. It's a very good movie, somewhat violent but you do get to see Kevin Costner's cheeks, all four!!!

The right way with Miss Gay

"Trio" an evening of entertainment was presented by Miss Gay Sacramento, Jimi with Brenda and Jordan. There was obviously lots of rehearsing. This fast-paced show went off without a hitch. These three were singing the praises of velcro because of the speed with which they had to change outfits. The event was well attended and, judging by audience reaction, very successful. It's community members like Jimi, Brenda and Jordan that make us proud.

Ducats' guest star

Lady Garnet and Leonard Harris put together an excellent show on the 8th with their (in)famous Ducats. The free show included a very special appearance by Amanda Fox, Miss Gay California '89. This wonderful entertainer has been seen on Night Courtand recently taped a segment for *Hard Copy*. She has a breathtaking illusion of Marilyn Monroe. Her other numbers, being more fast-paced, allowed her to show off her dancing and acrobatic skills. Empress Vannah was certainly impressed with she saw Amanda going head over white pumps across the stage.

Another entertainer new to the capitol was Marlene. She really tore it up with her performance -- who was that painted lady, anyway????

This only proves that one should never miss a Ducats Show.

Traveling mom

The Empress's mother, Gwen and uncle, Bob were visiting from sunny, windy, dry southern California, so they accompanied the Empress and Imperial Crown Prince KC to Alameda and a Roaring 20s Casino night. The group spent a few hours with Alameda's Empress XI Timmi Ryan, her consort Stevie and Emperor XVI of Modesto Julia Davis before it was time to check in and prepare for the evening's festivities. Vannah warns everyone to be a little wary if Miss Timmie suggests lodging. After numerous snafus at the recommended hotelier, the Imperial party finally gave up and checked into the Hyatt Regency.

The casino night was a blast, although Gwen was a little disappointed that there were no slot machines. The entertainers, staying in theme, presented numbers from the 20s in an authentic Speakeasy atmosphere. Gwen and Bob had a great time at the show and many people crowded around to help them enjoy their evening.

Coming clean

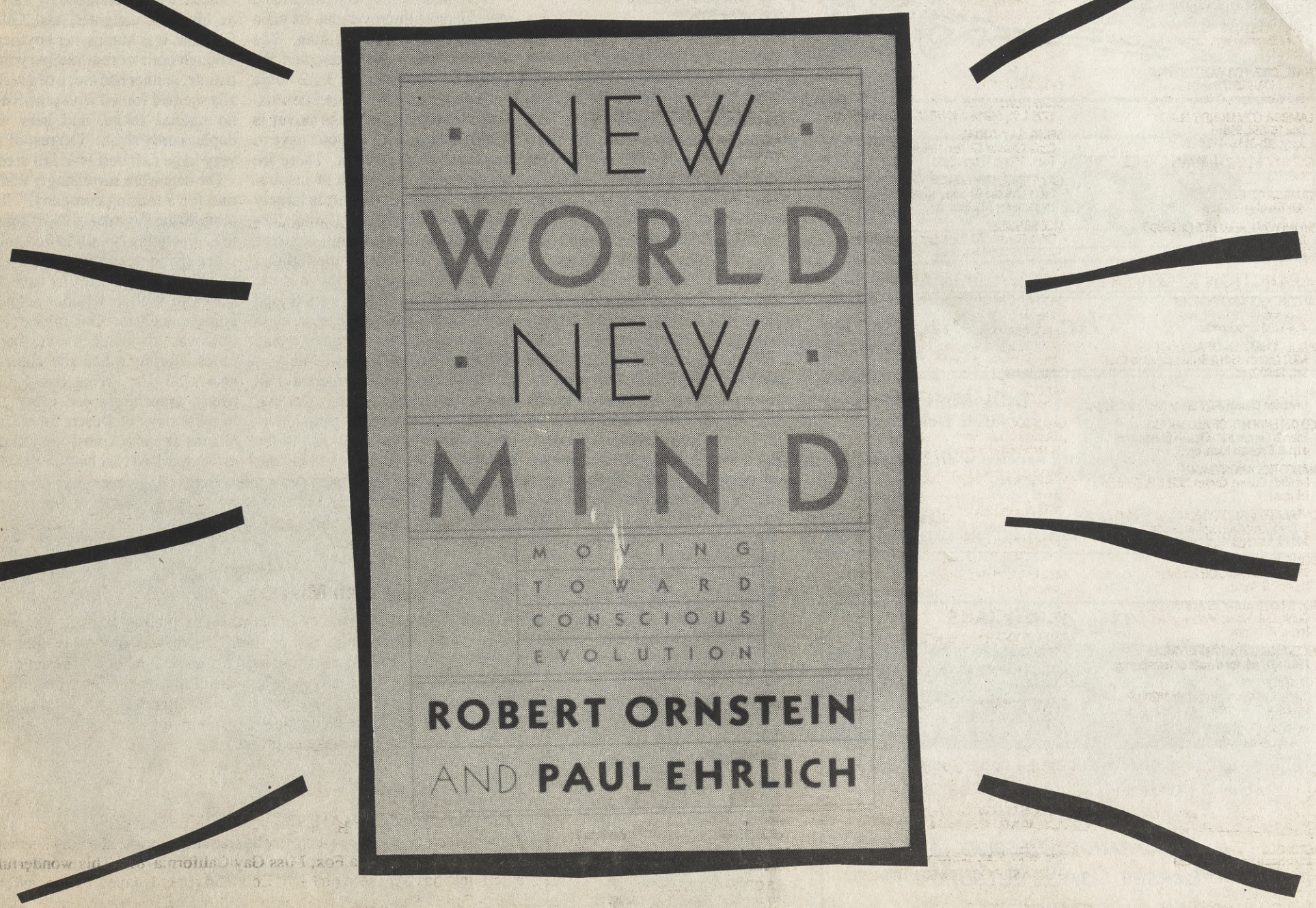
Many people may have heard rumors, so even though it is disturbing news, it is something everyone needs to know. A member of the Board of Directors/Past Empress has been found by the board to have embezzled over $3000 from the corporation. The information for this unfortunate incident has been passed over to the District Attorney's Office.

Dating service

Cafe Vannah, a breakfast buffet will be at the Merc at 9am on Sunday, February 17. Your $5 donation and the tips to guest bartenders and waitresses will be donated to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. What could be more fun than drag in the morning?

Paint your face and bring a tape to the "Good Old-Fashioned Drag Show" on Thursday, February 21. Hosted by Imperial Crown Princess Miss Robby, the festivities begin at 8pm at the Merc. That same evening, Empress Vannah will be there at the Merc to accept applications for Emperor, Empress and Board of Directors for CGNIE, Inc. Yes it's campaign time, again!!

See *Vannah* on Extra Page 12



Moving towards being conscious

reviewed by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

***Multimind*, Robert Ornstein, Houghton Mifflin Co.; Boston, 1986.**

Robert Ornstein is probably best known for his book, *The Psychology of Consciousness*. His work brought East and West psychologies together. In this entertaining and readable book. Ornstein presents, in a simplified form, the latest thinking on how the mind operates. He insists that the Western concepts of the mind as unitary and the self as the sole occupant of the body are in error. Also in error is Freudian psychoanalytic thinking which posits a raging "unconscious" beneath all the conscious operations.

Ornstein suggests that the most current research indicates that a metaphor of many minds operating under distinct conditions and necessities is more appropriate. He posits that the subminds can be called talents. Each individual has these talents to a greater or lesser degree. The particular combination of ones talents is the "personality." The separate talents include activating, informing, smelling, feeling, healing, moving, locating, identifying, calculating, talking, knowing and governing.

When we experience our inconsistencies ("I'm not myself!" "Why did I do that?") Ornstein says, it is that a different talent has "wheeled in" to take care of the situation. It may be a talent that is rarely called upon. In that case we may feel "out of sorts." Talents wheel in primarily on a kind of automated system which is a result of our evolutionary responses to the environment. There is a "governor" talent which has the ability to consciously "wheel in" specific talents. The governor might be the closest to what people consider the organizer or "self." However, Ornstein suggests that most people do not do self-observation which is necessary to empower the governor talent. With self-observation one has the awareness that a particular talent is coming into play and, theoretically, could choose to employ that talent or another. For the majority, this process fails to occur and talents wheel in automatically.

Meditation, as a discipline of self-observation, is the key to observing the process of multimind. This theory has astounding implications for psychotherapists as well as for people who seek to improve communications with others. It indicates that each of us is much more complex that we like to assume. It also suggests a different kind of interior dialogue. We ask ourselves, "What talent is coming into play now?" These talents can wheel in and out instantaneously due to the demands of the environment. So the question is constantly asked.

An astute therapist is in the role of summoning up the client's healing talent (as well as his/her own healing talent). The therapist has the dual role of asking inwardly "What talent of mine is wheeling in?" and of assessing which talent of the client is in operation. The goal would be to find the right combination of talents in operation which yields the experience of inner peace.

If you found yourself thinking of "multiple personalities" as you read this review, you are on the right track. Ornstein sees MPs as extreme cases of a process which everyone does. Armchair psychologists -- this book is worth getting up off your chair and to the library.

***New World, New Mind, Moving Toward Conscious Evolution*, Robert Ornstein and Paul Ehrlich, Doubleday; New York, 1989.**

In this collaboration Ornstein and Ehrlich discuss a technological world which is not comprehended by the "old mind" of humanity. Human beings have constructed an artificial world to make themselves more comfortable, but they still think like cavepersons. Ornstein states that the "old mind" thinks in terms of immediate threat, perceived by the senses. Ehrlich adds that the "old minded" human is driven to reproduce.

While these systems worked for the survival of the species beset by powerful predatory animals, they are inadequate for today. Now the greatest threats cannot be perceived by the senses; carbon monoxide, loss of the ozone layer, pesticides on food, radiation in burning cigarettes, PCBs, dioxin, HIV virus. Women continue bearing children, as is expected of them, but are unaware that they are adding to the crush of humanity on the planet. In 1945 only half as many people lived on earth as there were in 1988. In nine years, expect a billion more. Global resources are finite and cannot support billions of humans without extreme environmental damage.

The human mind is programmed to look for discrepancies in the world, to ignore what is going on constantly, to respond quickly to sudden shifts, to emergencies, to scarcity, to the immediate and personal, to "news." The kind of conscious thinking which is needed by the species today is the opposite of this. We need the longest range of planning (think of centuries), global thinking, and communal orientations, not personal ones.

An example of good-hearted but ineffective short-range thinking is the BAND Aid concerts for the hungry in Africa. Sending food to Ethiopia was a short-term gift which deflated the price of food, causing farmers to produce less and sell at a loss. In the long term, this meant even less food produced in a starving nation. Few talk about the need for comprehensive birth control. Doubling of populations in 10 years is creating a starving unhealthy populace. (There are estimates that 20 million will starve to death in Africa in 1991. It was one million in 1988.)

An example of focusing on the immediate and personal is the news of a jet crash killing 227 people. But that same day (everyday) over 1200 people in the United States are killed in car crashes. Automobile deaths are "background," not news. Yet keeping aware of these deaths and the need to wear seatbelts as prevention of them is the necessary survival skill for today. But this kind of awareness does not carry the drama of "news" which the "old mind" loves.

Ornstein and Ehrlich see that humans can and must train themselves to think in "new minded" ways. They suggest museums where interactive displays illustrate the common misperceptions of the senses. They suggest a remodeling of the educational system which would teach "new mind" thinking. There is a desperation that there may not be enough time left in human history to create enough "new minds" to turn us from the disaster of global destruction which awaits us if humanity stays on its present course. This sobering reading is a good beginning for those who are caught up in their old minded search for immediate gratification and who cannot understand the concern of scientists who are daily measuring the dismantling of the planet.▼

La Fleur
Ron Hill
(916) 649-3224
1620 W. El Camino, Stuite 150
Sacramento, CA 95833

455-0667 The Associates
Pat Melinda
3714 J Street hair design

The Majestic Look
Hair and Nails
a salon for everyone
Billy Majestic Boyd
Hair Designer
$5 off any hair styling service with this ad
2000 Marconi Ave., Suite B1 (916) 921-2388
Sacramento, CA 95821 VISA/MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

The All New
Cafe LAMBDA
Fridays from 8 to midnight at the Lambda Center 1931 L St
Still a great alternative to the bar scene
now featuring:
• An Expanded Dessert Menu
• Larger Coffee Selection
• Live Entertainment
FEBRUARY 15
MARY CANOTE
SINGER GUITARIST
Entertainers needed!!
Call Neil at 442-0185

Now that you've come out of the closet, let CLOSETTEC organize it!

• Free consultation and design • Custom built in our factory • Custom sized drawers
• Residential and commercial • Neatly, quickly installed • Cabinet doors
• Closet/Special storage systems • Steel hardware • Fully guaranteed
• Custom garage systems • Furniture-grade wood products • Fully insured
CLOSETTEC®
There is a difference . . . and we build it!
Call NOW for a FREE at-home consultation or visit our convenient showrooms.
5665 Power Inn Rd. #100 Sacramento 916/383-2999
© 1989 Closetec Franchise Corp.

entertainment

"Les Miserables" storms Sacramento

by Wayne Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

One of the "advantages" of living in the hinterlands of the Central Valley is that we do not have to decide if a new work is "good;" if it makes it to Sacramento, that decision has already been made by the rest of the country. Such is the case with the Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg musical *Les Miserables* which opened for a 12-day Music Circus run on January 30. Originally dating to a 1979 French record album, the show opened in London in 1985, reached Broadway in 1987, and has since been touring very successfully. Based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel of the same name, the play chronicles the life of Jean Valjean, embittered by 19 years of prison brutality for stealing a loaf of bread, hunted relentlessly by Inspector Javert, and caught up in a doomed 1832 uprising.

It is clear why this musical has seen success: it is set to a poignant, believable text about sympathetic people and contains some lovely, even haunting, music. It is leagues above the standard Broadway musicals of an earlier era, which fed on the likes of *Oklahoma* and plumbed the depths of the emotions in songs such as *I'm as Corny as Kansas in August*.

Nevertheless this piece could stand considerable improvement. Its main flaw is that it is far too long. The first act runs 1 3/4 hours, and the entire evening lasts for 3 1/2 hours with only one 15-minute intermission. Granted the Hugo novel is 1200+ pages, but you don't have to read it all in one sitting. There are about two hours worth of inspiration in the score; the rest is largely repetitious filler. Act II drags unbearably as the students man the barricades waiting for the fighting to begin. Too much of the music is generically "stirring" as it starts loud and builds predictably to an even louder climax. Heavy pruning would improve this work considerably.

The energetic performers did all they could to liven up the evening. Brian Lynch brought a sympathetic presence and pleasant voice to the central Valjean, and aged believably during the 17 years of the action. Unfortunately the role was ill-placed for him, much of it awkwardly astide his break from chest voice to head voice. Within a single song it often sounded as if two different people were singing. David Jordan's rich powerful bass and strong personality were ideal for Valjean's nemesis Javert. J.P. Dougherty was appropriately vulgar as the slimy Thenardier, child-abuser and corpse-robber. Marian Murphy sang Cosette, the orphan raised by Valjean as his own daughter, and Gilles Chaisson was Marius, her boyfriend. Though both were attractive young people, neither had much of a voice. His seemed forced with practically no natural range, and hers was unpleasantly shrill. The rest of the very large cast deserves full credit.

The sets were surprisingly elaborate for a touring company. The scene in the Paris sewers was haunting. A rotating stage allowed quick scene changes, and was used ingeniously by the director to have the actors in motion without actually going anywhere. One miscalculation was the battle on the barricades, during which the students nearly all die. What could have been a wrenching scene, especially in these days of Desert Storm and Vilnius, became almost comical due to the overdone clutching and sprawling as people were shot. I was reminded of the phony battles in the old-fashioned cowboy-and-Indian movies.

Music Circus has a hit with this one. Tickets were nearly impossible to get, and the opening night audience was very appreciative, giving the performers a (de rigueur, for River City) standing ovation at the end.▼

Photo by Joan Marcus

Jerry Christakos as Enjoiras and students in a scene from Les Miserables.

Cafe Lambda delights diners!

by Maggie Melton
OF MGW STAFF

What a nice surprise and attractive alternative the Lambda Cafe is. Every Friday evening is a refreshing change from the "bar scene." Cafe Lambda offers an opportunity to see and hear some entertainment, visit with friends, see and be seen and enjoy some truly fine coffees and great desserts.

The fun starts even before the show actually gets underway.

If you arrive early, as we did, you'll get to help set things-up, including the "Thank-You for not smoking" signs, that keep fresh air throughout the room. Flowers, provided by Michael's, grace the tables.

The host of the evening, Ron, was very gracious while setting-up a variety of coffees as well as the attractive dessert table.

If you're not a coffee drinker, hot cider, tea and Calistoga water are also available.

The prices are very reasonable and the whole concept of a "coffee house" is a lot of laid-back fun.

Entertainment on the Friday we attended was provided by comedians Maureen Gaynor and John Mitchell. Maureen was obviously a favorite of the crowd and has a great sense of humor about a lot of things that the audience could easily relate to.

Gaynor comically advocated a "Tell it like it is" Day where even a waitress could tell her customers exactly what she thinks. Her audience loved the description of the "healing effects of Hagen Daz," and her closing line "Good night. Call me when you get home. Otherwise, I'll worry."

The second entertainer wasn't scheduled to perform until 10:30- a bit late for some of us.

Although the evening was very pleasant, the capacity of Cafe Lambda seems to be about 40 people. The space, however, does make it easy to carry on a conversation and even though quarters are somewhat small, as the emcee said "Tonight you won't go home smelling someone else's smoke and you have anyone else's drink all over your shoes."

A great evening to be sure.▼

Quality Irish Imports
1021 R Street
Sacramento
446-1877

R&D Micro Graph X
Mid-Town, Corner of 24th & "L"
A Different Kind of Computer Center!
Computers Publishing
Peripherals Scanning
CAD/CAM Software
Video Networking
"We promise the highest degree of quality, service, and support for all of your computer needs!" -R&D
(916)444-3839 2401 "L" Street Sac, 95816

What'll it be? Bach or big bands?

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

Italian pianist Andrea Lucchesini will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27 next weekend with the Sacramento Symphony. Still quite young, Lucchesini arrived on the North American concert scene just two years ago. He has played U.S. recitals in L.A., San Francisco, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Carter Nice will conduct the show which will include a Stravinsky piece and the Symphony No. 2, *Romantic*, by Howard Hanson. Nice will discuss the Hanson composition in a special educational presentation 45 minutes before the concert. It's free to all ticket holders.

The symphony's March calendar is packed with a P.D.Q. Bach concert on the 13th, a Classical Pops! special on the 17th and 18th featuring Aaron Copland's music, a concert with the famed pianist Alicia de Larrocha on the weekend of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and a Pops! show called The Big Band Revival" on the 29th and 30th. What a lineup!

And that's not all. Three winners of the symphony's 1990 Student Artist Competition will perform with the orchestra for the Spring Student Concerts held throughout Northern California this spring. The performance will be at 9:30 and 10:30am on the following dates:

Friday, March 1 in Auburn; Wednesday, March 27 in Stockton; Friday, April 12 in Grass Valley; Wednesday, May 1 in Grass Valley.

The highlight of each program will be a performance of The Thrill of the Orchestra by Russell Peck with narration by Channel 58's children's show how Cap'n Mitch. Three of the six Student Artist Competition winners will perform as soloists in these performances. The Sacramento audience was delighted more than a year ago with Peck's brand new percussion piece. If The Thrill of the Orchestra is anywhere near as exciting as that percussion composition, it will be a great thrill indeed!

Incidentally, single tickets for these concerts are no longer available at the symphony's administrative office on Cadillac Drive, but they are available at the Community Center Box Office at 14th and L, and at all BASS/Ticketmaster outlets. For information, call 449-5181 from 10-6, Monday-Saturday.▼

Italian pianist Andrea Lucchesini will play Mozart next weekend in a Sacramento Symphony concert to be conducted by Music Director Carter Nice.

Now playing on Sacramento screens

The Grifters: tough and raw

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

In this era of blatant commercial compromises in moviemaking, *The Grifters* comes across as an apparition of sorts. It is unyielding in its dark depiction of three unsavory characters. There is no suggestion that under the artifice, beyond the lying and the stealing are good people waiting to emerge. They look rotten through and through.

Roy Dillon (John Cusack) is a small-time "grifter," hustling suckers in bars and on trains. Lily Dillon (Anjelica Huston) is his mother, a bottle blonde who works race track scams and skims some extra profit off the top from her sadistic mobster boss. Myra Langtree (Annette Bening) is a seductive young woman who latches on to Roy with the promise of bigger swindles, only to be thwarted by Roy's lack of ambition and Lily's disdain.

The three central characters are much closer and more dependent on each other than any would like to admit. Their lives are built on alienation, from themselves and all others, but they must cope in a world that does not condone their dubious enterprise. No one can be trusted, no where is there an alliance that is secure and honest. As one out grifts the other, the movie eventually grifts the audience.

Director Stephen Frears *(My Beautiful Laundrette, Dangerous Liaisons)* and cinematographer Oliver Stapleton have effectively captured the seedy ambience of the race track, late night diners, economy motels, and rundown apartments. Elmer Bernstein's music serves to heighten the ever mounting suspense. The screenplay, by Donald Westlake based on a 1963 novel by the late Jim Thompson, is at times painfully real and oddly unreal. The grift pervades as it becomes increasingly difficult to see clear motives or to read sincerity in people's actions and words.

The cast is perfection, especially the women. Anjelica Huston is the toughest of the three, unwilling to let maternal feelings cloud her judgment. The role is extremely taxing emotionally, and Huston wrings it for all its pathos and power. With *Prizzi's Honor, The Dead, Lonesome Dove, Crimes* and *Misdemeanors, The Witches, Enemies, A Love Story*, and now *The Grifters*, Huston is amassing a body of work remarkable in its range. Annette Bening is beguiling as a predator who delights in duping others. Sex and con-artistry are intoxicating games that bring temporary pleasure. Anyone who doesn't play, and play by her rules, is in big trouble.

The Grifters is grim going. It is ugly, repulsive, violent and tragic. For those wanting lighter fare, be warned. For those who seek something more audacious, *The Grifters* is haunting and admirable.▼

Physique '91: Gay/lesbian bodybuilding competition

The 5th annual gay/lesbian bodybuilding contest will be held in San Francisco on June 30, the evening before the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Weight classifications for men and women as well as masters divisions for men or women over 40 years old are offered. In addition, same sex pairs (m/m, f/f) as well as mixed pairs (m/f). For information: Arcadia Bodybuilding Society, 1230 Market St., S.F., CA 94102.

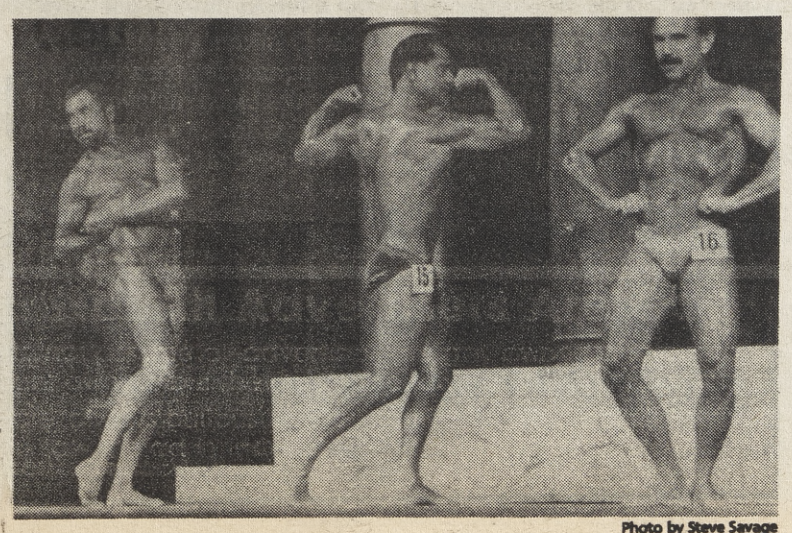


Photo by Steve Savage

TOWER 123
16th & Broadway
443-1982

NOW PLAYING!
Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glen
In Dolby Surround-Stero
THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS

photo/Ken Regan
Jodie Foster stars in the terrifying " The Silence of the Lambs"

Kevin Costner's award-winning
DANCES WITH WOLVES

Woody Allen's delightful
ALICE

SOON!!
March 8 Gerard Depardieu in
CYRANO DE BERGERAC
In March
ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD
The acclaimed
NASTY GIRL

Call Theatre for other titles and showtimes!!

THE LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS
LAMBDA
Classes, Seminars, and Workshops for the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SELF-DEFENSE 101 Learn basic defense maneuvers from Midge Marino. With the continuing violence against our community - YOU can protect yourself. **February 12, 6:30-9:30pm**

ACTING 200 4 week series of intermediate level classes with a focus on character development. Led by Delphi Michaels. **February 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 2-4pm**

SWING 234 John Batchelor introduces the upbeat style of swing dancing. Music from the 40's to the 90's. Partners not necessary. **February 18, 7-9pm**

Lambda Community Center
442-0185
1931 L St, Sacramento, 95814

Send your entertainment news to

MGW
1725 L Street
Sacramento, 95814

Lesbian Women's Group

Facilitated by Sandra Warne, MFCC Reg. Intern IFM17590

life transitions
co-dependency
coming-out
family issues
self-esteem

call 973-9721

PAARC
PERFORMING ARTISTS FOR AIDS-RELATED CHARITIES

WANTED
(Make extra $$$)

6-8 PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO
SELL ADS
TO LOCAL BUSINESSES OR INDIVIDUALS
MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
BETWEEN NOW AND JULY
TO SPONSOR PAARC'S UPCOMING
4th ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Sales reps will be reimbursed with a percentage of each ad sold

For more details, or to apply, contact project coordinators:
Lori Douglas-Lewis 428-2815
or
Robby Becker 442-2686
PAARC is a project of the Lambda Community Center

FREE
Relationship Ads!
First 25 words free, 30 cents/word after.

See page 23 for more information.

Phoenix Rising
Hair Designs
Paulette Jacobson
3193 Riverside Blvd. ● Sacramento, CA 95818 ● 443-5478

Joseph's Town & Country
presents
A welcome alternative to drinking & driving!

Late Night Mainstream Restaurant
1/2 off any menu item 10pm-3am
Open 7 Days a Week
Good through Feb 28, 1991
2062 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento 649-9248

Balloons: Don't let go

Balloon releases are a popular way to celebrate special events. In one recent promotion, for example, 1.2 million helium-filled balloons were released into the air.

Background. In 1985, an emaciated 17-foot female sperm whale died on the New Jersey coast. When marine scientists examined it, they found a balloon -- with 3 feet of ribbon still attached -- blocking the valve that connected the whale's stomach to its intestines. Because the whale had swallowed the balloon, it was unable to digest food; it was starving.

Since then, similar incidents have been recorded -- notably with sea turtles that died after swallowing partly-deflated latex balloons.

Up, up and astray ...

-- Balloons released in the Midwest can wind up in the ocean. Recently, a test balloon released in Ohio reached the South Carolina coast in only two days.

-- When balloons land in the water, they quickly lose their color. With ribbons or strings trailing behind them, they look uncannily like jellyfish -- which are among turtles' favorite foods.

-- For some reason, schools of squid -- the sperm whale's favorite food -- congregate around pieces of plastic in the water. When they surround a latex balloon, whales will swallow that, too.

-- Additional hazards: As Mylar (metallic) balloons float into the air, they can get caught in power lines and cause power outages.

Lofty ideas ...

-- If you buy helium-filled balloons, hold onto them -- don't release them into the atmosphere when you're through with them.

-- If your group plans a balloon release, inform people of the potential hazards. Most of us aren't aware that balloons pose a risk.▼

MUSIC

Continued from page 15

would like to see. Talk to us, give us some feedback, because that's what this is all about ... We're not here to impose an agenda ... we'd like to know how we could best be of service.

What is on IMA's current wish-list in terms of what would be helpful for its growth at this point?

Ann: An Apple computer ... we need donations (tax-deductible) in order to hire two part-time staff (one for fundraising and one for programming). We would also appreciate anyone who could put us in touch with potential donors, or grant writers to research possible grants we would be eligible for.

IMA has an upcoming "hands-on" recording workshop February 16-17, and 23-24 with Millington. It will be held at their 16-track recording studio currently located in Davis. The workshop will mainly consist of live experience where students will run equipment, record each other's music, and each participant will walk away with at least one song she wrote and played.

June Millington will be performing in Sacramento on Saturday, March 2 at Joseph's Town and Country. She also has a new "Not-MTV" video available which includes a new tropical rap tune called "Going to Hawaii," as well as her popular "Our World" and "Don't be Careless with Your Love." Questions and comments can be directed to June or Ann by writing them at 825 Christie Ct., Davis, 95616. For information regarding workshops call 916-753-8136.▼

psychic reporter

Unexpected psychic experience

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
OF MGW STAFF

" The picture kept repeating itself. I would drift off to sleep and it would be waiting for me; I would struggle to relax and block it out of my mind, and it would come crashing back. I was afraid. I didn't want to see it, but it wouldn't leave me alone.

It was our custom to go walking around McKinley Park in the early morning..."while the dew was fresh on the roses" so they say. But even in winter there was a geometric beauty to the scene, the rosebushes pruned in expert patterns and the branches arching above us softly swaying in the sterling silver morning. I loved to feel the firm ground beneath my feet as we walked along laughing and debating this and that.

Our memories weren't too good anymore and sometimes I'd remember things he wouldn't, and he helped me out too. But sometimes we'd be so certain of something, one way or the other, one of us would hold our ground and fight like hell. It was such a great way to start the day. We were an old,.. baby, I mean old, gay couple. I was the artist, he was the architect. Years ago we used to run but time has a way of slowing you down. Way down. But some things, you know, they get richer.

On one of our early morning walks I folded to my knees unexpectedly with an excruciating pain in my stomach. They took me to Sutter Memorial. Major surgery. Bob never left the whole day and into the night. It was late when he left. He was exhausted.

The following morning I waited for a call, figuring he'd call back after he'd taken a walk. That might be about 7 a.m., but he didn't call. Well, I knew he was worn out from the shock of all this so I waited a couple of hours, called him, no answer, waited some more. Got worried and called the police. Gave them a description of him, told him what he was wearing the night before, described the Mercedes, gave them the license number. He was 82 years old.

First, the picture was of water. A car somehow on top of water. Then I saw him on a green bank, face down and still. His fists were clenched....I couldn't understand it, and I wept.

For three days this haunted me. It was like a slide show, with just one slide that kept flashing on.

When the policeman came in my room the afternoon of the third day with this "look" on his face, I held out my hand and said, "Stop,...and I told him". And it was right. Bob got disoriented, and somehow got on the river road and went for miles and miles, hours and hours, apparently. Went off the road into the river. A tree had been cut off and the front axile of the Mercedes landed on it, suspending it out of the water. He got out in the dark, moonless night, fell in the river. His lungs filled with water. He managed to pull himself up on the bank, hands clenching dirt, sticks and rocks. He died there. I can't tell you the incredible loss."

The above is a true story with a few details changed to protect the privacy of the storyteller. As the "Psychic Reporter", I want to bring to you real life experiences that illustrate the actual mechanism of ESP in everyday life.

As you may know, psychic phenomena is an inclusive term encompassing specific paranormal events such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis. As a general definition, psychic phenomena are said to occur when information is conveyed to a physical system (a human being) without the utilization of any known type of physical energy. A person who has the ability to demonstrate specific acts of psychic phenomena at will is called "psychic." "ESP" and "psi are other labels and terms pertaining to psychic phenomena.

Dr. Gertrude R. Schmeidler writes in "Psi and Consciousness," from the 1970 Journal of Parapsychology: Do we restrict the word "psychic" to individuals who have been critically studied and authenticated as having frequently given clear evidence of ESP or PK? (If so, how often is "frequent"? What are our criteria for "clear evidence"?) Or should we also include those who had one or two extraordinary and authenticated experiences? Or those who have had very frequent or minor ones? Or those who seem to have had such experiences of we trust their reports and those of their associates but who have not been critically examined?

I think accurate, consistent performance over time on psi tasks is part of the criteria for defining the psychic capacity.

One or two great notes does not an opera make. But those notes, when sounded, may signal that there is a great opera in the wings just waiting to be sung!

Concerning the story above, one might ask, "Why did the old gentlemen have such a remarkably clear picture of the circumstance surrounding his lover's death? I believe that the answer is, "PSI IS NEED-DETERMINED".

When your emotional attachment to someone is very powerful and deep, --love, hate, that is when psi may break through into consciousness, most commonly in a crisis state. Why in a crisis state? Because if people just don't believe in ESP, or it's against their religious or cultural tradition, or it's just too overpowering to think of, they may suppress the awareness of it right out of consciousness.

But it breaks through our barriers when our minds and hearts are profoundly troubled, when our need is great. People, in general, have these spontaneous subjective psi experiences all the time. And sometimes they become afraid of them when they seem to be so foreboding; the fact is they can be joyful as well. Studying to develop psychic abilities may add nothing to you in terms of your character, or your life. A person can be nasty and rotten and be telepathic. However, if you have a spiritual base to your life and are trying to show forth goodness, psychic and mystical experiences are the natural outcome of such commitment. (From the twelve suggested steps of alcoholics anonymous, step #11) "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out."

The great American psychic and mystic, Edgar Cayce, emphasized over and over, to question oneself as to the reason for developing psychic abilities and cautioned to leave them alone if one had no spiritual ideal as a guiding principle--an ideal of patience, love, kindness, gentleness, long-suffering, or brotherly love.

Since so often the spontaneous psychic experience involves a relationship, I'd like to close this column with an extract from a reading Edgar Cayce gave in 1943.

"It is true for the entity, and for most individual souls manifesting in the earth, that nothing, no meeting comes by chance. These are a design or pattern. These patterns, however, are laid out by the individual entity. For, there are laws. For law is love, love is law. And He hath not willed that any soul should perish, but hath with each temptation, each trial, prepared a way of escape...It is true, then, that there are latent and manifested urges, manifested abilities, manifested virtues, manifested faults, in the experience of each entity. These faults, these virtues may be pointed out, yet the usage, the application of same is of free will--that which is the universal gift to the souls of the children of men; that each entity may know itself to be itself and yet one with the universal cause.

Thus the pattern, the book of life is written by the entity in its use of truth, knowledge, wisdom, in its dealings with its fellow man through the material sojourns. Also during the interims between such sojourns, there are consciousnesses, or awarenesses. For, the soul is eternal, it lives on, has a consciousness in the awareness of that which has been builded."

Kate M. Lang, M.S., B.A. Parapsychology, M.S. Transpersonal Counseling Psychology, Credentialed in Parapsychology since 1971. Sacramento County Licensed Counseling Parapsychologist since 1975. Private practice. (916) 487 8485.▼

PROFESSIONAL
Metaphysical Counseling
Clairvoyance, Aura, Past lives, Relationships, Prosperity and Christian healing.
Rev. Jeff Serkin, Ph.D.
489-7503 or 456-5685
Call for a free calendar of events

PSYCHIC READER
Tarot Cards, Psychic, Aura, Quartz Crystal Readings
TELLS ALL, HELPS ALL
Reunites lovers, results assured!
Answers one question by phone
Ms.Taylor483-0943

Take your next step with pride.
On sale at retail outlets around the country or simply order by mail !
KEITH HARING NCOD LOGO
T-SHIRTS $16.00 — 100% COTTON, 4-COLOR LOGO ON WHITE M, L, XL, XXL
SWEATSHIRTS $30.00 — 100% COTTON, 4-COLOR LOGO ON WHITE M, L, XL
POSTERS $15.00 — 24"X26", 4-COLOR LOGO
GREETING CARDS $ 1.50 — 5"X7", 4-COLOR LOGO, BLANK INSIDE
BUTTONS $ 1.00 — 1 1/2" SQUARE, B/W
STICKERS $ .05 — 1"X2" B/W, PURPLE
Please send me:
___T-SHIRTS, size(s) _____ @ $16.00 each ..... $_____
___SWEATSHIRTS, size(s) _____ @ $30.00 each ..... $_____
___POSTERS @ $15.00 each ..... $_____
___GREETING CARDS @ $ 1.50 each ..... $_____
___BUTTONS @ $ 1.00 each ..... $_____
___STICKERS @ $ .05 each ..... $_____
Shipping & handling: $3.00 for first shirt, or sweat or posters; $1.00 for each shirt or sweat after the first; $1.00 for buttons, stickers, or cards
Sub-total $_____
Shipping $_____
Total $_____
NAME_____ ADDRESS_____
CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____
PHONES_____ FAX_____
VISA/MC_____ EXP. DATE_____
SIGNATURE_____
For more information, please write or call: National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504, 505-982-2558 or 1-800-445-NCOD

To all Lesbians and Gays in the gulf -
Our thoughts are with you and your safe return.

Ballroom and Western Dance Classes
for the Gay Community
6 wk course starting
February 25
John Batchelor
453-8991
$39

growin'

Coping with grief

by Joyce Dovelli
GUEST WRITER

There are many different kinds of grief. Obvious losses include the death of a loved one, the break-up of an affair, separation and divorce. Some not so obvious losses include the loss of a job or role, loss of money, moving, loss of health, rape or molest, and loss of dreams, hopes and goals for the future. All may involve typical grief reactions, including shock, disbelief, denial, anxiety, anger, frustration, resentment, somatic disturbances, numbness, guilt, self-blame, helplessness, and feelings of inadequacy.

There has been much written about the various stages of grief (most notably by Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, in "On Death and Dying"). Stages of grief/recovery are: 1. Shock and denial; 2. Anger/depression (i.e., "Why me, him, her?" May be anger or depression first, or both at the same time); 3. Understanding/acceptance. These stages, while being a good general guide, may overlap and/or not be so obviously discernable in some people. The main thing to remember is that these stages of grieving are normal, and that an individual needs to move through these stages in order to resolve his or her grief. A problem arises when an individual gets "stuck" in a particular stage and/or grieving is delayed. A general rule of thumb is that the first year is the most acute, and the more significant the loss the more acute the grief is. At this time a person may do things that do not make sense to others (for example, a grieving spouse may not sleep in the bed he/she once shared with the late spouse), and they may feel disorganized and chaotic. The grieving person may feel like they are going crazy -- reassure them that they are not, given them permission to grieve, and be understanding.

I'd like to make special mention of delayed grief that may arise when previously repressed memories and feelings about incest and/or rape arise much later in an individual's life. These memories may return in bits and pieces, over a period of time, or the individual may be flooded with the traumatic memories all at once. Various things can trigger these repressed memories, and they can have a major impact on many areas of the individual's life (i.e., sexuality, relationships, work). These feelings can put a person in a panic and may leave them feeling very out of control, but they need to go through the grieving process in order to resolve these feelings. In this case in particular I would strongly recommend that the individual is sent for professional help.

The main thing people need for someone is permission to grieve. It is not helpful to try to get someone to "cheer up" and/or get their mind off their grief -- that, in fact, can be counterproductive and invalidating. People often just need someone to be a good listener, and/or understand and validate their feelings in order for them to process their feelings and move through the stages of grieving. Incomplete grieving can cause great emotional and/or health problems. The grief and emotion just doesn't "go away" because it is not expressed or acknowledged -- like the "law of conservation of energy" -- energy is not lost, it is just transformed. Incomplete/unresolved grief and emotion can come out in other ways, such as inappropriate anger, acting-out behaviors, and/or somatization through physical illness.

Dealing with a major loss is no easy task. The following are some suggestions on coping: 1. Do not deny or minimize the loss; 2. Allow yourself to feel the pain (it is OK to experience anger, pain, sadness.) Give yourself permission for "on" as well as "off" time for your feelings; 3. Give yourself time to heal; 4. Be aware of the process. Allow yourself the ups and downs. You will experience more bad days in the beginning. As you move through the process of recovery, the good days will sporadically increase, and eventually you will begin to feel more emotionally stable; 5. Take care of yourself -- pamper yourself especially during this difficult time; 6. Stick to your schedule; 7. Hold off on making major life decisions or changes during the acute phase of grief; 8. Don't self-medicate with addictive/compulsive activities (i.e., drugs, alcohol, work, shopping, etc.). This will delay and complicate grief, and could create additional hardships in your life; 9. Seek out or utilize an existing support system; 10. And finally, recognize the light at the end of the tunnel. The grief cycle does have a resolution phase, and if you follow these suggestions you will heal, integrate the loss, and feel able to go on. You will realize that healing is occurring when your emotions stabilize, you gain perspective on the loss, and when you begin to allow newness and change to enter your life.

Joyce Dovelli is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor in private practice with the Alpha Counseling Associates of Woodland.▼

Let's take the shame out of sex

by the Rev. Barry Brunsman

*The following was printed in the **Sacramento Bee** on January 12, 1991.*

Sex is one of the most feared topics of conversation, unless it is part of a joke.

Married couples would never compare notes. If a priest or minister got up on a Sunday and announced "I would like to talk about one of God's greatest creations -- sex," the paramedics would probably have to be called. Schools have civil wars over textbooks that explain "the facts of life." Generally, parents who say they explain sex, don't. Of course, normality is being heterosexual -- straight. Abnormality is being homosexual -- gay. And who on earth is bisexual? What's that?

Sex fear is rampant. Tolerance -- acceptance of God's creation, an act of love and life, of bonding with another physically and spiritually -- is not.

A popular notion is that we choose our sexual persuasion. This is used especially by gay people. But we don't choose it. By the time a person is 3 1/2 to 4 years old, that individual is bi, straight or gay. It is a mystery how sexuality is formed in a person. How much is God, how much is people? We don't know.

But a sexual persuasion cannot be reversed. Psychology has tried everything and failed. It is as though a person is given a musical instrument and then asked to play a beautiful human melody.

Our sexuality (male or female) and sexual persuasion (bi, straight or gay) give us the most profound of life's frameworks out of which to deal with all human issues. Yet there seems to persist a deliberate ignorance about it in the refusal to learn its essentials and its responsibilities.

Our ignorance, our unwillingness to accept sexuality, starts early. We think it's so adorable when an infant finds his or her nose, ear, fingers or toes; sometimes we recoil when he or she finds the sexual organs. These shocked parental and social reactions toward a child's sexual antics fashion fear and suspicion in the hearts of these little human barometers.

It's interesting how many negative adjectives surround sexual references in our daily discourse -- dirty, impure, naughty, yuck, awful. While other activities of life, positive and negative -- eating, dressing, lying, cheating and avoiding people -- are "only human."

Mistakes are permitted in all human behavior except sex. Early sexual behavior is met with almost a knee-jerk reaction from family members. Playing doctor and nurse later is scolded. Teenagers are quickly labeled for one sexual action. Young adults (and older) simply should "know better."

Some social psychology suggests that one of the main reasons for pornography is the silence, fear and avoidance of open and mature sexual education on the family and social levels.

Prejudice is also rampant in sexual matters. If a person says "I'm gay" it implies sexual action with another. If a person says "I'm straight" -- so what?

Sexual expression is most damaging when it is seen as devoid of any responsibility or spiritual value. Even a kiss can be a lie. Judas kissed? To by physically naked with someone without being psychologically naked is to use the other. Relationships are one of the most difficult areas of human life in which to be honest. It is impossible to have integrity in any kind of friendship, to say nothing of intimacy, if a person is ignorant of his or her sexuality and sexual persuasion.

The earlier Christians had a saying "Let us not be ashamed to talk about what God was not ashamed to create."

Why the shame today?

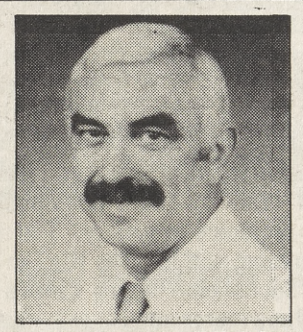
The Rev. Barry Brunsman is pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.▼

Buddy Connection

This fun, sex-positive workshop uses exercises, videos and tips on safe and pleasurable sex to encourage men to take charge and eliminate unsafe sex. *Buddy Connections* are held from 7-9 p.m. at the SAF Training Space, 1900 K Street, Suite 200, Sacramento. You'll be glad you came!

Buddy Connections are scheduled for:
Fri., Mar. 15
Fri., Apr. 19
Fri., May 10
Fri., June 7

Sacramento AIDS Foundation • 448-2437



BRASHER CHIROPRACTIC
7529 Sunset Ave., Suite K
Fair Oaks 95628
"In the San Juan Professional Building"
961-6100
Massage Therapist on staff
Auto Injuries • Workers' Comp • Insurance Cases
DR. GRADY H. BRASHER

ART KATZ, D.D.S.

916/488-2440
1820 Professional Dr., Suite #7, Sacramento, CA 95825

health directory

Jill Kelly M.S.S.W.
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Lic. No. LCS11340
916/443-6253
2011 P Street #102
Sacramento, CA 95814

Confidential AIDS Testing
V.D. Testing & Treatment
General Medical Services
THE EFFORT INC.
Mon-Fri: 6pm-9pm
1820 J Street
Sacramento, CA/368-3070

Lesbian Women's Group
Facilitated by Sandra Warne, MFCC Reg. Intern IFM17590
life transitions
co-dependency
coming-out
family issues
self-esteem
call 973-9721

18th Street Counseling Services
Sharon L. Hartley, L.C.S.W.
Sean M. Hoag, L.C.S.W.
Charla M. Wistos, M.F.C.C.
Linda Marquis, L.C.S.W.
John F. Linder, L.C.S.W. intern
1216 18th St. 443-0560

Linda C. Paoli, L.C.S.W.
Individual • Couple
Group Counseling
Specializing in:
Codependency/ACA
Relationship Problems
Relationship Addiction
Chemical Dependency
Hypnotherapy & Sexual Abuse
2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. C-1
(916) 972-7831

Joyce Bright
Marriage, Family, Child Counseling
Intern, #15588
Supervised by
Deborah I. Couk, Ph.D.
Lic. # PSY10865
2509 Capitol Ave. Suite 202
Sacramento, CA 95816
916/446-1145

PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE
Intro offer
Buy 1, Get 1 Free
Reduces stress
Relaxes sore muscles
Peace of mind
Affordable, too!
Convenient location near Kaiser Hospital
Sean P. Letzin, C.M.T.
456-5685 or 489-7503
CHOOSE HAPPINESS

Midtown Chiropractic
"Complete Chiropractic Care and Massage Therapy"
Lynn McNeal, DC
916.452.9461
3671 J Street
Sacramento

Faithnotes...

by John Williams
RELIGION EDITOR

Saint Marks United Methodist Church continues its adult educational series with an emphasis on lesbian and gay issues in the United Methodist denomination; contact 483-7848 ● **River City Metropolitan Community Church** continues its celebration of Black History Month with a Black Heritage concert on February 24 at 6pm, the concert will be conducted by Dr. Shedrick Wise of the L.A. M.C.C. mother church and will feature music by black composers. For Valentines Day the church will sponsor a dance on February 16 at 7:30pm; call 454-4762 ● **Dignity** will celebrate its regularly scheduled Mass on February 24 at 2pm at St. Francis Church; contact 441-0427 ● **The Church of Enthusiasm and Joy** is holding Prosperity classes on Sunday nights at 7pm and personal psychic readings and channeling on Monday at 7pm. Admission is by freewill donations; call 456-5685 or 489-7503 ● **The Conference of Catholic Lesbians** will hold its monthly potluck and discussion on February 23 at 6:30pm. Please R.S.V.P. at 362-4133 ● **The Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento** will hold a service on March 3 at 11am to dispel homophobia and prejudice in society. The sermon topic will be "The Big Lie" -- the Sacramento Men's Chorus as well as a representative of P-FLAG will participate. The Lesbian and Gay Group of the church will hold a potluck lunch on February 24 and March 24; contact Reverend Douglas Morgan Strong at 483-9283.▼

Living with integrity in a world of chaos

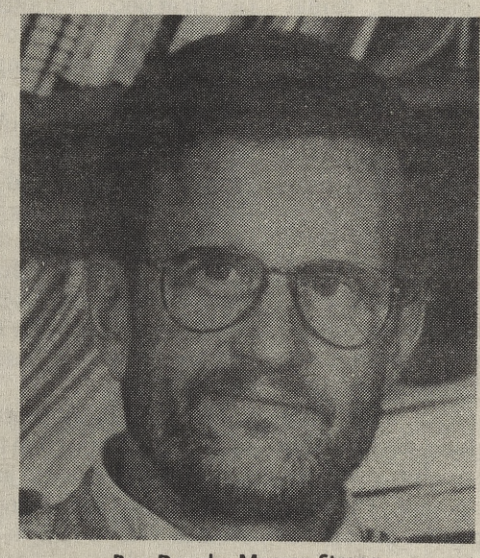
byJohn Williams
RELIGION EDITOR

The Reverend Douglas Morgan Strong is a Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) minister and a gay man. But please do not describe him as a "gay minister." As Strong explains the situation, he has simply come to an awareness of his "gender truth" and his sexuality is different from his ministry. The two areas are not, however, mutually exclusive.

Strong came to Sacramento in August 1990 from a previous assignment in Boston, MA where he served as an Accredited Interim Minister at a local UUA church. The UUA has a small group of clergy that serve on interim basis for churches in the process of choosing a minister. Strong feels that the role of Interim Minister allows one to come in, do the job and have the freedom to tell it like it is, without having to worry about the traditional pastor/congregation relationship.

The UUA is an American based denomination that has long been active in social justice causes and is one of the few mainstream churches in the U.S. that allows full lesbian and gay participation without fear of discrimination. The church has provided support for racial justice, women's and human sexuality issues.

Strong grew up in Madison, WI, his family has been a part of the UUA church for six generations. He attended the University of Wisconsin and obtained degrees in both Spanish and psychology. After completing his education he worked with the Red Cross for 10 years. However, he felt a desire to serve others through church activity and returned to school at the UUA seminary at Berkeley, CA where he received a Masters of Divinity degree in 1979. Since becoming a member of the UUA clergy Strong has held Interim Pastorates in Moose Jaw, Maine; Norfolk, VA and Boston, MA. He has enjoyed the opportunity for travel his job has provided and wants to remain as an Interim clergyperson.


Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong

While in Norfolk, Strong met his life-partner of three years, John Picot. When they met Picot was serving as a director of an AIDS service organization. Picot is now a self-described "housespouse" and enjoys painting in the small studio he maintains in their home.

Strong has been involved with social change and work and has tried to bring to each new assignment a sense of social ethics. He is also concerned with those who have prejudice in whatever form in the world. A noticeable area of concern for Strong is found as close at hand as a church hymnal. He finds that many traditional hymns in and of themselves are racially oriented. Hymns that lead us into light and away from darkness imply the inherit "good" of the light and the necessary "evil" of the dark.

Strong has a firm commitment to pastoral ministry but shuns the traditional "pastor" role. According to Strong a pastor is a person who has a flock to watch over, instead in the UUA the people attend his church come to find answers for themselves. After all, he is just a person with questions of his own. He describes his ministry as the process of taking history and blending it with the challenges of life and with individuals' personal work. After all, the purpose of his ministry is to be able to live with integrity in a world of chaos.▼

River City MCC ... building bridges through music

by John Williams
RELIGION EDITOR

Chuck Vickers is a man possessed with a vision, a vision of a unified world with peace and justice for all persons. And he believes that music can be a starting point for that world. Vickers is the director of music ministries at River City Metropolitan Community Church (RCMCC), a position he has held for two years.

Vickers attended the West Texas State University where he majored in Music Education with special emphasis on Vocal performances and choral conducting. While in school he served as assistant minister of music at a large Baptist church in Amarillo. He left his involvement with the church when he "came out" at the age of 23. He moved to Dallas, Texas where he eventually encountered the Dallas he had gone to all the bars in the city and still hadn't found what he had been looking for, he went to MCC to meet new men. What he met was a large poster proclaiming "CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS, NOT OUR SEXUALITY." He remembers being amazed thinking that sex and religion could be mentioned in a positive way.

Vickers believes that many persons today have been criticized and condemned for being the persons that they are, and that causes poor self esteem. He also feels that negative thinking affected the way the gay community responded to the AIDS crisis. He relates that "for so many of us, all of our lives, we had been condemned by religious leaders and when the AIDS virus came and began to spread so rapidly ... we felt subconsciously that God had already abandoned us we just gave in to this disease." Vickers is a person with who lives with the reality of AIDS in his life and he lost his companion to AIDS last year. "By developing a strong self esteem and not putting ourselves down, we have the power and ability to fight AIDS," he said. Vickers also has a strong faith in the words of Jesus Christ who said, "Those who believe in me will do greater things than I have done." He goes on to affirm "Christ is greater than AIDS."

RCMCC has been involved with music ministry and currently has a 40-voice choir and an active music/theater department. The RCMCC music department is funded solely by contributions by members and friends. The theater department has recently produced the musical "A Tribute to the Memory of You" and recently was selected to perform at the upcoming MCC general conference in Arizona. RCMCC has plans on providing Saturday concerts for the public and even have plans for a Christian rap group to perform at the church.

Vickers has many plans for the music department at MCC, including education in music theory and a Persons of Color Choir. He will also provide ministry at the MCC conference when Rev. Elder Freda speaks. In addition he is also active in the local chapter of P.A.A.R.C. (Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities).▼

NYVADA
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE BED & BREAKFAST ON KINGSBURY GRADE
full breakfast ♦ massage ♦ hot tub
deluxe rooms ♦ fantastic views ♦ non-smoking
hiking ♦ casinos ♦ mountain biking
INFO. & RESERVATIONS:
JIM GOTZMAN
(702-588-5559)

GAY CRUISES
Western Caribbean Cruise
7 Days, March 3-10, '91
Miami, Ocho Rios, Playa del Carmen & Cozumel
Mexican Riviera Cruise
7 Days, March 23-30, '91
San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, & Puerto Vallarta
French Canada Cruise
7 Days, June 29 - July 6, '91
Montreal, Quebec, Portland, Provincetown, & New York
From $795
For reservations and information call...
Expo Travel 916-920-1701

RSVP

ALADDIN TRAVEL
IGTA
International Gay Travel Association
Rob Thorbin
(Res) 646-0842
446-0633
818 K St. Mall
925-0633
1892 Arden Way Nr. Mervyns

PASSPORT TRAVELCENTER
Sacramento's ONLY
Gay Owned and Operated
Travel Service
641-1140
IGTA

BLUE FISH COVE
Beach Cottages ★ Boat Launching
Boat Rentals ★ Kitchens
TV ★ Air Conditioning
OPEN ALL YEAR
10573 E. Hwy 20 ★ P.O. Box 1273
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423-1273
(707) 998-1769

cruise it

Ask Dr. Cruise

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

Dear Dr. Cruise:

I recently put new tires on my '83 Honda Accord. Ever since then the steering wheel shakes whenever I drive on the freeway. What's wrong? -- Stuart, San Francisco

Dear Stuart:

Maybe it's those wide whitewalls on the new tires. Your car is embarrassed and is trying to shake them off. No, seriously, the problem is probably with the balancing of the tires. Tire stores are pretty universal in the use of those "computerized" machines that spin balance the tire and wheel off the car. An amazing number of those machines are out of adjustment or, improperly installed or the operators don't know how to use them. I've had tires balanced on one of those machines and then immediately checked on a different machine and the second machine said they were out of balance. I've even seen balancing machines that were not leveled and would dance around on the floor as they worked.

At one well-known chain the operator mounted my wheels off-center on the balancer and then tried to compensate by placing enormous weights on the rims!

Anyway, go back where the tires were mounted and ask for a re-balance. If that doesn't work, try to get a refund for the balancing and try another store. If that doesn't work, contact the tire manufacturer. Their representative will probably be able to steer you to a shop that does competent balancing.

There's also an off-chance that your vibration is due to warped brake rotors -- a common problem with Hondas. However, it would then only occur when you apply the brakes. This can be caused by use of the brakes heating the rotors to the point that they warp. It can also be caused by a tire store overtightening your wheel lugs -- a good reason to request that they be hand-torqued instead of machine-tightened.

Automotive news...

One of the world's great cars, a 1991 Lexus LS400 worth over $40,000 is the grand prize in the Sacramento Symphony's current fundraising drive In Concert with Lexus. I saw the car that will be given away at the Lexus Fundraiser Kick-Off Party held recently at Lexus of Sacramento on Fulton Ave. It is gorgeous: pearl white metallic with gray leather interior.

You can enter the drawing by sending $20 per entry to Sacramento Symphony, In Concert with Lexus, 77 Cadillac Drive, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95825-8315. Good luck!▼

common sense and your pets

The Christmas gift puppy

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

It's now six weeks after christmas and the phone is ringing off the hook. That cute bundle of fur that arrived under the tree, that Christmas puppy that is supposed to grow into the "man's best friend" of doggy legend, "is not housebroken," wails the voice on the other end of the line and so, history repeats itself again. Before success in this delicate matter is achieved the people involved will probably want to kill the pup. They will try a variety of techniques that usually don't work and only serve to frustrate both the owner and the puppy. And, sad but true, a great many of the owners will give up and deliver the pup to the SPCA. Those who are successful, whose puppy "trained" easily, are the ones who were patient and, most likely, used positive motivation to get the job done.

Housetraining is one of the most frustrating exercises in dogdom. There are a multitude of reasons why dogs develop some of the elimination patterns that frustrate humans. For instance, the puppy raised in a litter box with a newspaper base is familiar with the texture of paper under its feet and will feel secure eliminating on paper in a new environment. Puppies raised on a carpet, blanket or towel covered area will seek out the same type of footing for doing "its business."

Regardless of how the puppy was raised in those early weeks, your job starts when the puppy comes home to a new environment. It is wise to keep the puppy in a small space on a surface that can't be damaged by "accidents." Regardless of how we pen the puppy up, in the kitchen or in a bathroom, use a barrier that the pup can see through so it has visual contact with the rest of the family living area. Locking a puppy in a bathroom can prove disastrous if you don't use a "kiddie gate." Dogs often feel claustrophobic in a closed room. Place the puppy bed, food and water at one end of the area and cover the rest with a thick cover of newspapers. As the puppy soils, pick up the top layers and replenish with new papers. The puppy will gravitate to the spot where the scent is strongest. If he soils close to the sleeping and feeding area, remove all the papers and keep only clean papers in that area.

If you are home to watch your pup's elimination habits, make a schedule, follow the pattern and take the puppy to an appropriate place outdoors, stay with it and encourage it to "go" and give the desired action a name. When the pup eliminates, praise verbally and give it a treat. This double reward will help the pup recognize that this action performed out in this spot means big rewards. Remember, however, that you are the one that needs to be in charge of the schedule. If the pup has accidents, it is not the puppy's fault.

My personal preference for housetraining is the "crate" method. This is successful when the owner is home and can take the time to pay close attention to the pup's natural schedule for elimination. The crate is an airline travel carrier, such as the Vari-Kennel or Kennel Cab. It needs to be big enough for the puppy to stand up and turn around and sprawl out when it sleeps. Use treats to condition it to being comfortably in the crate when you can not watch it. Then every 30 minutes or so with very young puppy, longer periods for older pups, take the pup out to the designated area, prompt, praise and reward. In no time at all, you have a dog conditioned to soil out in the "potty spot." Look for more housetraining tips in the next column.

Two wonderful references for housetraining are, The Evans Guide to Housetraining Your Dog, Job Michael Evans; and Mother Knows Best, Carol Lea Benjamin. Both are published by Howell Book House and both guide the owner in positive, gentle steps in handling a frustrating problem.▼

■ See *MGW* calendar for Joan's next dog training classes.

■ Pet Finders, looking for someone to donate a minivan, truck or station wagon to transport homeless animals to weekly adoption events. For information on the group's activities, call 944-7055.

■ The Yolo County SPCA is giving away 100 spays and neuters to county petowners during February.

Write down your pet's name and whether it's a cat or dog, male or female. Include your name, address and phone number and mail the entry to Box 510, Davis, CA 95617. The 100 winners will be drawn from all eligible entries. Information: 758-SPCA.

■ The Sacramento SPCA is in dire need of book donations for their annual sale, March 9 through 17 at Country Club Plaza. SPCA shelter, 6201 Florin-Perkins Road. Also, the SPCA is in constant need of newspapers and pet-food coupons. For information, call 383-PETS.

Joan B. Guertin, owner of Common Sense Dog Training is a Canine Behaviorist and trainer utilized a psychological, nonaggressive approach to training and problem solving. She has trained since 1957. Watch for dates of upcoming classes.▼

PET'S PARADISE
PET SHOP & GROOMING
$2.00 OFF
DOG AND CAT GROOMING
(Free flea dip and medicated shampoo with grooming)
10% OFF
ALL PETS AND PET SUPPLIES
4221 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95822
456-9336

LAND PARK PET CENTER
for all your pet needs
Dog & Cat Grooming
Cat & Bird Boarding
Family owned and operated for over 20 years
456-4537
4420 Del Rio Rd.
Land Park & Sutterville

happenings

continued from page 4

International Ms. Leather plans contest

The International Ms. Leather contest is just over one month away. "IMsL: Under Constrcution" is taking place March 23 from 3 to 8pm at Club Townsend, 177 Townsend Street in San Francisco.

A Wllcome Beer and Soda Bust is also scheduled for Friday evening at the Eagle (12th and Harrison).

This year's host hotel is the Travelodge Central, 1707 Market Street at Valencia. A hospitality suite will also be available at the hotel. For reservations at the hotel, call (415) 621-6775.

Contest packets are still available by calling (415) 871-0350. The deadline to enter is March 1.

Ticket orders are now being accepted. Tickets are $25 for a limited nember of seats, standing room is $15. Ten seats are at each table and if order together, seating with friends will be guarenteed. Send self-addressed and stamped envelope with a check or money order (no cash) made out to IMsL: 2215-R Market Street, Suite 450, San Francisco, CA. 94114.

1991 Gay Freedom Day plans in place

Applications for units in the 1991 San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade are due April 30 for the June 30 event.

All vehicles in the parade are required to carry $1 Million in insurance, to comply with regulations set forth by the city of San Francisco. A photocopy of your insurance policy must accompany all applications. There are also specific vehcile demension limits required for the parade.

Applications should be mailed to: SFL/GFDPCC, 584 Castro Street #513, San Francisco, CA. 94114; attn: Float Committee. For additional information, call (415) 864-FREE.

S.F. Chorus to distribute beads for parade

The S.F. Lesbian/Gay Chorus is offering all organizations participating in the parade an opportunity to create a special atmostphere by distributing beads during the course of the parade.

The chours, which facilitates community building through art and song, will be selling the beads as a fundraiser to continued its outreach programs.

All beads are on long strands (48 inches) of spherical beads (8mm) andcome in packages of a dozen. Each package costs $5.00 including shipping and handling. To order, write Henri Roca at Box 170356, San Francisco, CA. 94117 no later than April 1.

WAGGIN' TAILS
K-9 WASTE REMOVAL
983-9334
"WE DO DOO-DOO"

LOW COST
Spay, Neuter & Vaccination Clinic
$5 OFF Any spay or neuter
$2 OFF Any vaccination
Tues & Fri 4-6pm Sat 12-3pm
SOUTHSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC 7298 Franklin Blvd 395-9321
south of Florin across from Home Club

Animal Housecalls
Personalized Pet Care In Your Home
Dr. Nancy Weagly
Cats & Dogs Only
Some Weekend Appointments
(916) 456-0967

THE KENNEL ROOM
Dog & Cat Grooming
925-4149
2160 Marconi Avenue (at Howe)
Sacramento, CA 95821

CAPITOL AQUARIUM
Enter a world of aquatic beauty in our custom-designed 7000 square foot aquarium store. The lush foliage and cascading waterfalls will make you feel close to nature. See the 1000 gallon aquariums housing large specimens of [illegible] We also have over 500 clean aquariums housing both common & unusual varieties of healthy, exotic fish. We offer cheerful, knowledgeable assistance backed by over 25 years experience. Ask about our aquarium maintenance service for your home or office.
Serving the Discriminating Hobbyist since 1951
10-5:30pm daily
12-4pm Sunday
1920 29th Street at T Street
452-5556

Zillions of Used Books
for the Curious and the Fanciful
Midtown Books
Open Mon-Sat 10am-9pm • Sunday 11am-6pm
1014 24th Street (Btwn J & K) • 442-1464

Judy's Gifts & Books
2231 J Street
(Now at 23rd & J Street)
443-3236

12-STEP LITERATURE
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Adult Children of Alcoholics
- AIDS
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse
- Relationships
- Meditation Books

GIFTS FOR OURSELVES & FRIENDS IN RECOVERY
- Medallions
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Bumper Stickers

Lioness Books
☐ Books
☐ Music
☐ Crafts
☐ T-Shirts
☐ Greeting Cards
☐ Gay Men's Literature
☐ And Much More
Mon-Fri 11am-7pm
Sat. 12-6pm
442-4657
2224 J Street

FREE
Relationship Ads!
First 25 words free, 30 cents/word after.
See page 23 for more information.

Computer Works
PC Consultants
From Start-up to expansion, we will provide answers to your software and hardware needs. Training available. Private accounts welcome . .
(800) 479-2422

PRINTPLACE
Quality Printing Since 1969
- Printing
- Free Color Inks
- Typesetting
- Binding - Velo & Spiral
- High Speed Duplicators
- Self Serve Copiers
- FAX

Two Locations to Serve You
Downtown – 1129 I Street
(corner of 12th and I)
Parking at the door
(916) 443-2591
South Area – 5039 Freeport Blvd.
(near Fruitridge Rd.)
(916) 452-3675

Grady's Copy Shop
Offering Quality & Service in Reproduction
1228 H Street, Sacramento, California
444-6166

books, etc.

Horse Crazy not so crazy

reviewed by James K. Graham
OF MGW STAFF

***Horse Crazy* by Gary Indiana; Grove Press, 1989; 218 pages, hardcover, $16.95.**

Usually a book reviewer can find something to like about almost any book he or she reads. Perhaps the characters aren't terribly attractive, but the plot is fascinating. Or maybe the plot is dull, but the author makes the characters really come alive. Or maybe the style, the author's way of capturing an event or a mood or a scene with just the right words, redeems an otherwise bad book. Even if all these criteria fail, perhaps one can find an important message in the book.

Sometimes though, a reviewer comes up against a book that really has nothing to recommend it. Such a book is *Horse Crazy* by Gary Indiana. If you really want to read about the alcoholic, self-destructive (in other ways, too), anonymous narrator's sick erotic obsession with a lying, manipulative pretty-boy heroin addict, at least save your money until *Horse Crazy* is remaindered on the bargain shelves or comes out in paperback.

These two aren't the only unpleasant characters in the novel; all the characters are unpleasant and unsympathetic. It's hard even to feel pity for them; only disgust seems appropriate.

Gary Indiana writes in a flat, fairly terse way that, I suppose, is supposed to mirror the borderline unreality of his narrator's existence, but it just rambles obsessively through his disordered thoughts. Some writers who examine obsession and psychosis have a way of making it fascinating, like a treasure hunt; Gary Indiana makes it more like going through the garbage can.▼

Where "Putting Out" will get you

Putting Out Books, a small press founded in 1990, announces the publication of its first book. Putting Out 1991: A Publishing Resource Guide for Lesbian & Gay Writers is an international publishing resource guide for writers of lesbian and gay material. The guide's international listings, numbering over 160, include book publishers, magazines, newspapers and newsletters that publish material of interest to the lesbian and gay community and/or material with a lesbian or gay theme.

National and international distribution will begin in March, 1991. The guide will also be available at the Out/Look Foundation's 2nd Annual Lesbian & Gay Writer's Conference, scheduled for March 1, 2 and 3, 1991, in San Francisco.

For information: 415-621-5766.▼

Commentary: Activists battle cry, fight homo hatred

by Tobias Maxwell
OF MGW STAFF

I guess the main objective behind writing this commentary on *After the Ball* (M. Kirk, H. Madsen, 1989) is to entice others to read the book; to have those who have already read it to re-read it and reconsider it if they weren't sufficiently persuaded by Kirk and Madsen's arguments. Having so stated, it is apparent that I agree in a large part with the authors. However, I did take issue with some of their positions. First, an overview of the book.

The main theme of A.T.B. is a logician's approach to the activist's battlecry. In demonstrating that homophobia is a misnomer of sorts and that "homohatred" is what the sexual minorities are actually up against, the need to address our present strategies in our struggle for civil rights becomes apparent. Just as the fisherman doesn't use lute music to entice outdated modes of activism if success is our main goal. It should be noted that success in the 90's may be quite different than it was just a few decades ago.

The authors show us America and its attitudes towards the sexual minorities class under the rubric of "The Big Lie." This is the America we all know firsthand: the one that is ignorant of same sex love, that believes we are few in numbers, that thinks we are easily identifiable, that we are what we are due to sin, insanity and seduction, that thinks we are kinky, loathsome sex addicts, unproductive and untrustworthy, and suicidally unhappy due to our sexual orientation. This America, by preventing homosexual behavior through its laws, by denying us our civil rights, and permitting the public to vent its collective disapproval of us, maintains the above beliefs that form The Big Lie. Using these beliefs, the authors outline preferred beliefs and state current actions presently used by activists. Side-by-side they also propose preferred actions. They explain in understandable terms why our present actions are not the most efficient means to achieve our goals.

For me, this was the section of true revelation in the book. It struck a chord in me regarding civil rights activism. Kirk and Madsen explain the physiology of hatred, that is, how the emotion germinates and is conditioned, like a Pavlovian response, so that in effect the motion of hatred is "pre-logical." It does not take much more to show the loopholes (gaping wide by now) in our strategies to combat homohatred in America.

The consciousness-raising, the storming/picketing of the barricades, the blatant public display of the "exotic contingencies" of our community, are all for wont. They only reinforce the emotion of homohatred (though there is no denying that it makes us feel good; that we are expressing ourselves). We can't fight feelings the way we fight beliefs.

Because of this the authors propose "Waging Peace Campaign." It's a how-to approach to tackling homohatred in America. The strategies are mass media oriented, propagandized like any media campaign, using an eight-principle criterium that is congruent with their premise that the target is an emotional rather than a belief system. Using these same eight principles as a criterium against our present strategies, shows the reader how useless and even harmful present actions are in alleviating America's oppression of the sexual minorities.

To achieve this Campaign requires mass unity among gay, lesbian and bisexual groups on national and grass-roots levels. And this admittedly is lacking. This is the authors' lead-in to what they themselves describe as the "Unpleasant Chapter." I gather this is the section of the book that causes the most reactionary responses within the community. At my first reading of this book, I also had mixed emotions about this section. I could see the truth of their observations, but I had an uneasiness about its publicness. I remember thinking: "Oh-oh, just what straight America needs, the analysand's own dirty confession in print." This was nothing compared to my reaction to their "Self-Policing Social Code!" This reads like Moses come down from Mount Sinai with a detour through Jesuit parochial school for 15 years. I struggled hard to accept the code's concept, even though I could understand it within the context of the book. You see, the authors believe that in abiding by this code of ethics, we could change the community from within. We could become stronger, more caring and responsible as a group, leading to the powerful unification of our various factions. This would in turn result in much better odds of achieving the book's gameplan, the Waging Peace Campaign.

If we could abide by the Code, we might well achieve the results the authors aspire to. However I think the Waging Peace Campaign can be achieved by using the spirit of the Code in our lives, if not the Code itself. The Code like the last scenario in the book, the "Return to Plato," has its roots in Utopian thought, surprisingly, considering the logical-Realist premise of the rest of the book. In penning the Code it seems that the authors are holding their brothers and sisters to a much higher standard than they are for the rest of society. I think this is admirable in the way of an ethical challenge, in the belief that this might be possible, but they probably lose many who might otherwise have supported their well thought out cause.

Ultimately this book's understanding of homohatred, its precision sharp analysis of what we are not accomplishing, and its outlined plan to succeed in winning our civil rights should be heeded. If we can begin to focus on what we have in common -- our love of the same sex, instead of what separates us; AND present as such to the American masses, we can travel much farther, faster. If we can focus on the lesbian, gay and bisexual denominators rather than the panoply of numerators we so lavishly display at our parades and rallies, we will begin the Waging Peace Campaign once and for all.▼

business directory

AIDS Residence

HOPE HOUSE, a project of Loaves and Fishes, Box 2161 Sac/ 95812, 446-0874

Attorneys

HARTWELL & HARTWELL, 2308 J St., Suite C, 442-5437

M. JANE PEARCE, 1722 J St., Suite 17, 447-5458

ROSEMARY METRAILER, CAROLYN LANGENKAMP, MARGARET GEDDES, 1329 H St., 447-7255

SAMUEL W. MURDOCH, 2625 Fair Oaks Blvd., 978-9746

Bicycles

CITY BICYCLE WORKS, 2419 K St., 447-2453.

Boat Repairs

BOAT MOTOR WORKS, 689-7670

Books

JUDY'S GIFTS & BOOKS, 2231 J St., 443-3236

LIONESS BOOKS, 2224 J St., 442-4657

MIDTOWN BOOKS, 1014 24th St., 442-1464

TIME TESTED BOOKS, 1114 21st St., 447-5696

Carpet

HARDWICK'S CARPETS, 454-0603

Carpet Cleaning

WIMPY'S CARPET CARE, 444-8810

Chiropractor

DR. GRADY H. BRASHER, 7529 Sunset, Suite K, Fair Oaks, 961-8100

DR. GARY W. ROBINSON, 3001 J St., Sac., 95816 443-8100

CHANEY CHIROPRACTIC CARE, Dr. Karen L. Chaney, 2916 'D' Northgate Blvd., Sac. 95833, 922-3338

MIDTOWN CHIROPRACTORS, Lynn McNeal, DC, 3671 J St., 452-9461

Clothing

QUALITY IRISH IMPORTS, 1021 R St., 446-1877.

Computers

R & D Micro Graph X, 2401 L St. Lower, 444-3839.

Dating Service

PERSONAL PREFERENCE, 1731 I Street, 447-6811.

Dentist

ARTHUR KATZ, D.D.S., 1820 Professional Dr.,#7, 488-2440

Electrical

TOM SEARES, 348-6931

Financial

MARK WHISLER, CFP, 446-6666

WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Lane, 486-8985

Florist

LA FLEUR, 1620 W. El Camino, #150, 452-6715.

Gardening

ENGLISH GARDEN CARE, Ltd., 489-8903

Gifts

SUBSCRIPTIONS to MGW!!

Graphic Designers

MGW GRAPHICS & TYPESETTING, 1725 L St., 95814, 441-6397

Hair

PHOENIX RISING, 3193 Riverside Blvd., 443-5478

THE MAJESTIC LOOK, 2000 Marconi Ave., #B1, 921-2388

PAT MEDINA, The Associates, 3714 J St., 455-0667

Handyman/Woman

FEATHER YOUR NEST, 652-4204

Health Club

VALENTIS, 921 Eleventh St. nr. J St. 442-2874

Housekeeping

OLGA'S, 453-0762

Insurance

FARMERS INSURANCE, Sue Wolf, 1237 J St., 441-2776

Jewelry

ARARIETY FINE JEWELRY, 1021 R St., 446-1535

Massage

CYNTHIA L. ADELIZZI, C.M.T., 452-7734 by appt.

PATRICIA DIGIORGIO, C.M.T. (women only), business license #611091, 486-1006

SEAN LETZIN, C.M.T., 456-5685

Maintenance

WIMPY'S CARPET CARE, 444-8810

Metaphysician

REV. JEFF SERKIN, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 489-7503.

Motels/Inns/Resorts

BLUE FISH COVE, 10573 E. Hwy. 20, Box 1273, Clear Lake Oaks, 95423, 707-998-1769

LANGTRY INN, 637 Steiner, San Francisco, 415-863-0538

NYVADA BED & BREAKFAST, Box 6835, Stateline NV 89449, 702-588-5559

Pets

ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 456-0967

CAPITOL AQUARIUM, 29th & T St., 5433 Auburn Blvd., 452-5556 or 331-1361

KENNEL ROOM, 2160 Marconi & Howe, Grooming Dogs & Cats, 925-4149

LAND PARK PET CENTER, 4420 Del Rio, 456-4537.

PET PARADISE, 4221 Freeport, 456-9336

POCKET SOUTH PET HOSPITAL, 7465 Rush River Dr., #160, Sacramento, 395-PETS

Photography

DEBORAH GOLDSTEIN PHOTOGRAPHY & DESIGN, 1010 24th St., 448-1303

Psychologist

JOANNE MARROW, Ph.D. Lic. # PA8571, 3000 T St., 454-5656

ELLIE ZACKS, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY10426, 7509 Madison Ave., #B105, C.H. 95610, 967-0611

Printing

GRADY'S COPY SHOP, 1228 H St., 444-6166

PRINT PLACE, 1129 I Street, 443-2591

Real Estate

ZANA BLAZER REALTY, 650 Howe Ave., #110, 95825, 929-0222

REMY CECI, GBC Realtors, 455-8054

KELLEY REALTOR, 6371 Riverside Blvd., 393-1111

PFINGST REALTY/Dirk Fullmer, 967-5668 (h), 362-1166

PFINGST REALTY/Vicki Pfingst, 9978 Folsom Blvd., 95827, 362-1166

JAYNE ROUNTREE, BROKER, ROUNTREE REAL ESTATE, 921-6642

WHISLER AND COMPANY, 446-6666

Remodeling

RENAISSANCE CONSTRUCTION, Lic. #384772, Steve Neville, 442-6565

Repairs/Service

MIKE'S REFRIGERATION, FREEZER, HEATERS & AIR, 455-6540

SEARE'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE, PO Box 112, Carmichael, 348-6931

Security

S.C.S. ENTERPRISES, 209 Harding Blvd., 773-5057

Tax Preparation

GOLD RUSH INVESTMENT & TAX SERVICE, 2417 K St., #3, Sac. 95816, 448-1974

WHISLER FINANCIAL GROUP, 446-6666

WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Lane, 486-8985

Theaters

TOWER THEATER, 2508 Land Park Dr., 443-6551

Therapist/Counselors

Minimal standard as a Therapist, Counselor, Psychologists include: Name, phone number, highest relevant degree (M.D., M.S.W., Ph.D. and in what field), and California State License number. Unlicensed therapists/counselors who advertise should include a statement including they are "not licensed therapists."

THE EFFORT, 1820 J St., 95814, 368-3070

JOYCE BRIGHT, M.S., M.F.C.C. Intern #15588, supervised by Deborah I. Couk, Ph.D., #PSY10865, 2509 Capitol Ave., #202, 446-1145.

18TH STREET COUNSELING SERVICES: Sharon L. Hartley, L.C.S.W.; Sean M. Hoag, L.C.S.W.; Charla M. Wistos, M.F.C.C.; John F. Linder, L.C.S.W., Intern; Linda Marquis, L.C.S.W., 1216 18th Street, 443-0560

SANDRA FIELDS, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., Lic. #3725, 2740 Fulton Ave., #120, 484-6376

BOB HALL, M.F.C.C., Lic. #MU19878, 2470 Fulton Ave., #100D, 481-9141

JILL KELLY, M.S.S.W., #LCS11340, 2011 P St., #102, 443-6253.

KATE MacKENZIE, L.C.S.W., 1731 I St., 447-0350

LINDA PAOLI, L.C.S.W., Lic. #9184, 2628 El Camino, #C1, 972-7831

TERESA PHILLIPS, M.F.C.C., Lic. #MFC22412, 441-1866

DAN RUDD, Ph.D., Lic. #6236, 897 Embarcadero Dr., #213, El Dorado Hills, 939-4473.

SANDRA WARNE, M.A., M.F.C.C. Intern to Barbara Bailiff, L.C.S.W. & Associates, 650 University Ave., #209, 648-1443, 973-9721.

Tilesetter

STODDARD TILE COMPANY, Lic. #536338, Kim, 454-2896

Travel

PASSPORT TRAVELCENTER, 1500 W. El Camino, #257, 641-1140

EXPO TRAVEL, 2100 Arden Way, #165, 920-1701

Typesetting

MGW TYPESETTING & GRAPHICS, 1725 L St., 95814, 441-6397

Veterinarian

ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 456-0967

POCKET SOUTH PET HOSPITAL, 7465 Rush River Dr., #160, 395-PETS

SOUTHSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 7298 Franklin Blvd., 395-9321

Vibrators

GOOD VIBRATIONS, 1210 Valenda, S.F., 415-550-0827 1210-S

Voice Info Services

CONNECTIONS USA, 1007 N. Federal Hwy., #251, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304, 1-900-646-4646

classified

Announcements

PEOPLE OF COLOR welcomes you to our multi-cultural service & free concert at River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. on Feb. 17 at 6pm. See you there for great music!

Employment

UNIQUE progressive salon is seeking a creative spirit who desires a professional supportive space for their clientele. Phoenix Rising Hair Design, 443-5478 (x0301).

GAY RADIO SHOW needs volunteers. Call Jim 443-9811.

HAIRDRESSER wanted. Booth rental midtown location, great working atmsophere, 3714 J St., 455-0667 (x0301).

For Rent

ROOM FOR RENT in midtown townhouse, $275/mo, inc. utilities (excludes phone) smokers OK, students welcome, no pets or drugs; 737-1813.

A FABULOUS 2 bdrm., 1 ba. detached garage & studio home; stove, ref., W/D, gardner. Tower area. Lg. decks, fenced yd. 916-925-5923 eves. & wknds; $800/mo + $300 sec.

3 BDRM., 2 BA.,2 car gar. 3 houses available: 5255 Ehrhardt, $695/mo; 5200 Euler, $725/mo.; 18 Bolinas Ct., $750/mo. All in Area 5. Drive by then call 481-1654 or 971-9020.

ROOM TO RENT, $225 inc. util., priv. bath, kitch. privileges, jacuzzi, pool, sauna. Near public trans., Natomas area; 649-9315.

SUNNY, spacious 1 bdrm. upper apt. downtown 12th & F. $395/mo., no pets. 444-3575 or 443-2913. (x0215)

OFFICES for rent at Lioness building in midtown area. $250/$350, call 448-6727. (x0215)

For Sale

HOME NEEDS TLC. Investor wants partner, 2 bdrm., 1 ba. 1/4 acre. $107,000 no down; good income a must., 2400 Darwin St. (Area 7); Call A.I.S., Inc. 481-1654/971-9020.

ATTENTION $105,000 first time buyer wanted. No down, good income a must. Investor to share eqty., 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 ba., 1/4 acre, 2131 Arliss Way (Area 4). Drive by then call A.I.S., Inc. 481-1654 or 971-9020.

ATTENTION $170,000. First time buyer wanted, no down; good income a must. Investor to share eqty., 2 bdrm., 1 ba. fam. rm., 1/4 acre; 3121 Lassen Way (Area 7). Drive by then call A.I.S., Inc. 481-1654 or 971-9020.

Misc for Sale

STEROID alternative! 24 hr. recorded msg. 484-3775 (x0215).

MITA COPY MACHINE Needs new drum. Best offer, 441-6397

Personals-Men

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE? MGW needs help on phones, typing, organizing, proofreading, etc. 441-6397.

NICK & PATRICK 2 snaps up! You two are very, very special. "So in love am I!" Yours both always, Mike.

VETERAN WANTS adult male to travel to Disneyland for 7-10 days; will pay all expenses in return for companionship. Send picture with phone # to MGW Box 10, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814 (x0301).

UPTIGHT white boy needs boyfriend-husband; 332-4979.

GOOD LOOKING, straight acting discreet equistrian seeks same for trail rides, cow penning, etc. If you're 27-40 w/both boots on the ground w/no drugs or mind problems, let's saddle up. MGW Box 13, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814 (x0301).

SINCERE & sexy boy, early 30s sks. masculine, handsome top to help me explore my darker side, safe only. My age or younger. Reply w/ photo. Friendship a plus. MGW Box 12, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814 (x0215).

Personals-Women

NICE LKNG. Asian male wishes to meet attr. female for companionship. I enjoy movies, dining out and etc.; also the unusual such as crossdressing. Photo/letter to Box 163421, Sac. 95816.

GWF, 54, active, loving, caring, would like to meet same. Reply MGW Box 11, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814. x0215.

Roommates

S. NATOMAS, 2 bdrm., condo to share. Security, parking, pool. $260/mo., $100 dep. 646-6923, Robert.

GM seeks nonsmoker to share E. Sac. house; $325, 1/2 util. 457-6613.

SHARE nice Foothill home with beaut. yd., gar. space. Cable, W/D, service. Easy frwy. comm. Discreet M/F nonsmoker, dog lover. $325/mo., 1/2 util., $175 sec. dep.; Auburn 823-8816.

FEMALE/MALE needed to share N. Sac. home, 3 bdrm., w/Pool & frplc. $250/mo + dep. Call Vikl, 929-6043.

SHARE Victorian home downtown; $250/mo. + 1/3 util.; 535-9040.

M/F to share, 2 bdrm., 2 ba. apt. in Greenhaven w/a gay male, $275/$125, 1/2 util.; Doug, 427-5166.

ROOM in midtown house, quiet st., perfect for person working nts/wknds. $325/mo. + 1/2util., 1st & last; 441-2542.

TO SHARE 3 bdrm. hse., no smoking, W. Sac. $285/mo, 1/3 util., pool, tennis; 372-8719 (x0301).

M/F to share 3 bdrm., 2 ba. hse., south area, no smkg., $400/mo. inc. util., sm. pet OK; 682-3575 (x0301).

F/M share country home in Georgetown-Garden Valley area w/discreet GWM prof. Horse or dog welcome. No smkrs/drugs. Dave 1-333-2048.

HIGH RISE condo to share w/GWM 27, prof. inc. bdrm., own bath, W/D hookup, sec. pkg., freeway access. w/exc. view of city. Must be neat, mature, resp., $340 + 1/2 util. Frank 446-7835.

ROOM FOR rent in RC house. W/D, share util. Near shops. $250/mo. Cheryl 369-2970.

M/F house mates 4 bdrm. home, shaded backyard, A/C close Greenback/Auburn. Ref. & empl. req. No DP., $400 inc. util. 965-3625 7-9pm only.

HOUSEMATE wanted avail. 3/1 $237 + 1/2 util. Spacious 2 bdrm., 1 ba. close to park; 446-4673 (x0301).

M/F to share 4 bdrm. hse. S. Natomas. No drugs/smkg., 1800 sq. ft. spacious new age home, spa; 921-9052, animals negotiable, $300 (x0215).

4 BDRM. home on the river, hot tub, vegetarian, dog lover. $300 + 1/2 util. 739-6233. x0315

ROOMIES ®: Confidential Gay roommate matching. Sacramento, Stockton, and major cities nationwide! 1-800-272-8372, 2pm-8pm. x0715

Services

MASSAGE for men. Friendly, relaxing, sensuous. I'm 27, handsome, built, strong hands, gentle heart. You deserve the best. Scott 646-3573 (x0215).

MASSAGE for the active male. Athletic, sore muscles, stress, soothing, sensuous, sensitive. Appts. 10am-10pm. Ray 455-4314 (x0415).

Wanted

NOW AND AGAIN buys good used button-up Levis 501's and Levi's jackets, 2101 L Street, Sacto.

MODERN SET of encyclopedias for MGW offices. 441-6397

V8 truck or van wanted. Cheap. 441-6397.

classified/personals/business directory

Mail to: MGW 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814

Heading _____

$5 | | |

Specialized
Hard Rock
$299
SPECIALIZED

Personal Preference

"We help take the guesswork out of dating"

(916) 447-6811
1-800-655-4201

Laurie Bonifield
Owner

SACWN presents

Robin Tyler

"Speaking out on everything"

- notorious lesbian feminist comedian

Friday, March 15, 1991
6:30pm
Holiday Inn Holidome - Madison & I-80
Limited tickets at the door
For reservations please call 486-8985

This is an event for women 21 & over

JENSEN'S
BLUEPRINTS
Maps • Drafting Supplies

Announcing our new location!

New Address
5910 Auburn Blvd.
Suite1
Citrus Heights, CA
95610

Effective February 19, 1991

FAX
916/332-0655

Phone Number
916/332-0151

calendar

FEBRUARY

Friday 15

Imago Relationship workshop (thru Feb. 17). Cost is $500, some scholarships available; limit to workshops are 15 couples. Flyers/info forthcoming.

Sacramento Symphony with Lubomir Georgiev, cello; 8pm, Sac. Comm. Center, 14th & L sts.; 649-0200 or BASS/TM 923-BASS.

Deadline for nominations for Lambda Literary Awards; for more info call 202-462-7924.

Women's softball, SFSU at UCD softball field, Russell Blvd. & La Rue Rd., Davis, 1:30pm.

Valley Knights Motorcycle Club open meeting, Incredible Edible; 455-6540.

"Minding Your Own Business," registration deadline for Feb. 23 workshop; 441-4207.

Saturday 16

Workshop: "Alone and Armed to Cope," 9am-3:30pm, CSUS University Union Board Rm., $7 adv. registration; $8/door. 927-7898 or 482-5038

Andrea Lucchesini plays Mozart Feb. 16 in a Sacramento Symphony concert conducted by Music Director Carter Nice.

Sacramento Symphony, 8pm; see Feb. 16.

Feminist Witchcraft with Z. Budapest presented by The Women's Spirituality Forum, 10am-5pm, Creative Awareness Center, 1120 Fulton, #G, $50 adv. registration; 415-420-1454.

Institute of Music for Women "hands-on" 2-day workshop in 16-track recording studio; June Millington/Ann Hackler 753-8136.

Sunday 17

Sacramento Symphony, 3pm; see Feb. 16.

Psychic Faire, Church of Enthusiasm and Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, #11, 12-5pm; 489-7503 or 456-5685.

Concert: Ruth Amegin James and Michael Furnoy, 3pm, Crocker Art Museum; 449-5423.

Monday 18

Sacramento Symphony plays Mozart, 8pm, Woodland Opera House, 2nd & Main streets, $10; 666-9617.

Women's Rap Group, Lesbian Movie Nite "Oranges Aren't The Only Fruit," 7-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185 or 381-5569.

Men's Coming-Out Group, GLAS @ CSUS, Miwok Room, University Union, 5:30-7pm; 927-8661.

Free Swing Workshop with John Batchelor, Lambda Comm. Center, 482-0185.

Tuesday 19

Improvisational Comedy and Drama Workshop, 7-9:30pm, Coloma Comm. Center, 4623 T St., $40/series; 442-RSVP.

"Client Dining" workshop, 6:30-8:30pm, YWCA, 1122 17th St., $25 pre-registration; 442-4741.

"Being Gay Today" 10pm, Cable Channel 63; lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

"Can a Homosexual Be a Christian?" by Rev. Elder Freda Smith, MCC, P-FLAG meeting, 7:30pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way (corner of Lusk); 665-1050.

Wednesday 20

Women's softball, St. Mary's at UCD softball field, Russell Blvd. & La Rue Rd., Davis, 1:30pm.

Coming Out Readers Theater "Lesbians Coming Out Stories," 7pm, Memorial Union's King Lounge, free; 752-3372.

"Poetry in Motion," Crest Theatre, 8:15; reading by Traci Gourdine with Arthur Butler 7pm; 442-5189.

Thursday 21

"AIDS and Chemical Dependency" American Society of Addiction Medicine forum (thru Feb. 24), Stanford Court Hotel, Nob Hill, S.F.

"Being Gay Today, 9pm, Cable Channel 63, lesbian & gay shows from around the country & beyond.

"Poetry in Motion," Crest Theatre, 8:15; reading by Gene Avery and Co. 7pm; 442-5189.

GLAS @ CSUS, potluck; 927-8661.

Friday 22

California NOW PAC Meeting; 442-3414.

California NOW State Board Meeting (thru Feb. 24); 442-3414.

Sacramento Symphony with Andrea Lucchesini, piano; Sac. Comm. Center, 14th & L sts., 8pm; 649-0200 or BASS/TM 923-BASS.

Spiritual Healing, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, #11, 7pm; 456-5685 or 489-7503.

"Poetry in Motion," Crest Theatre, 8:15; reading by D.R. Wagner and Pat Grizzell, 7pm; 442-5189.

Institute of Music for Women "hands-on" 2-day workshop in 16-track recording studio; June Millington/Ann Hackler 753-8136.

Saturday 23

Sacramento Symphony, 8pm; see Feb. 22.

"Minding Your Own Business," Sacramento Women's Center, 2306 J St., #200, 8am-12noon; 441-4207 for advance registration.

Registration for Camellia Classic Run, Walk & Kids' Event March 3; 448-2951 for info.

Valentine's Dance, SACWN, Unitarian Universalist Church Hall, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 8-12pm, tickets $16 at the door.

Sunday 24

Sacramento Symphony, 3pm; see Feb. 22.

Concert: Pianist Richard Carpenter, 3pm, Crocker Art Museum; 449-5423.

Pre-Spring Benefit Dance, Bay Area Old Lesbian Organizing Committee and Lesbian Outreach to Elders, A.C.T. Center, 450 Geary St..

City Rock, Melarkey's Place, 1517 Broadway, 8pm, $6; 454-4540.

San Francisco Opera: Schwabacher Debut Recital w/Catherine Keen & Kathryn Cathcart, Vorpal Gallery, 393 Grove St., S.F.; 415-565-6431.

Monday 25

Common Sense Dog Training: Puppies, 6:15pm; Intermediate, 6:15pm; Beginning 7:30pm; Elk Grove High School, West Parking lot; 485-2201.

Women's Rap Group, 7-9pm, Open Rap, Lambda Center, 1931 L St.; 442-0185 or 381-5569.

"HIV & Nutrition: Fuel Your Immune System," 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K St., 2nd floor; 448-2437.

"Women and AIDS: A Survival Kit," film sponsored by the Women's Resources and Research Center, UCD, 12noon, Memorial Union's DeCarli Rm., free; 752-3372.

SAGA IV Wine and Cheese Party, 6:30-10:30pm, Townhouse, $10; 635-1535.

Men's Coming-Out Group, GLAS @ CSUS, Miwok Room, University Union, 5:30-7pm; 927-8661.

Ballroom & Western Dance Mini-Course by John Batchelor, 6 weeks; 453-8991.

Tuesday 26

Improvisational Comedy and Drama Workshop, 7-9:30pm; see Feb. 19.

"Being Gay Today" 10pm, Cable Channel 63; lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

Relationship Workshop, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, #11, 7pm; 456-5685 or 489-7503.

Thursday 28

"Being Gay Today, 9pm, Cable Channel 63, lesbian & gay shows from around the country & beyond.

Concert: Pianist Jessica Williams, 7pm, Crocker Art Museum; 449-5423.

Safe Sex for Men & Women, GLAS @ CSUS, 8:30-10pm, Social Science Bldg., #236; 927-8661.

"Clay Farmers," KQED, Channel 9, 11pm.

MARCH

Friday 1

"A Celebration for Hope: Women Working Together for Peace," 449-7543, x33.

OUT/WRITE '91, sponsored by OUT/LOOK, Cathedral Hill Hotel, S.F., $45; 415-626-3334.

Ms Leather Contest deadline for March 23 event; for applications 415-871-0350.

Saturday 2

Common Sense Dog Training, Beginning 4pm; Johnson/Springview Park, Rocklin; 485-2201.

June Millington concert at Joseph's Town & Country.

OUT/WRITE '91 continues, see March 1.

"Out is In," OUT/WRITE cabaret and dance, 8pm,-midnight, Ferry Boat Santa Rosa, $25 advance/$30 door; 415-626-3334.

Sunday 3

Camellia Classic Run, Walk & Kids' Event, advance registration 448-2951.

OUT/WRITE '91 continues, see March 1.

Sacramento Symphony presents Concerto Competition Winners with Sacramento Youth Symphony, Hiram John High School, 7pm; 649-0300.

Monday 4

Men's Coming-Out Group, GLAS @ CSUS, Miwok Room, University Union, 5:30-7pm; 927-8661.

Tuesday 5

"Being Gay Today" 10pm, Cable Channel 63; lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

San Francisco Opera: Merola Opera Program Benefit, Mark Hopkins Hotel, S.F., 6:30pm; 415-565-6431.

Wednesday 6

"The Future of SAF Services: A Client Forum," 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K St., 2nd floor; 448-2437.

James Burke, "2050 - The World After the Greenhouse Effect," 7:30pm, Channel 6.

Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center.

GALLERY

Himovitz Gallery - Howard Finster, Livia Stein, Bill Yates thru Feb. 23; 448-8723.

Himovitz Gallery - Yan Nascimbene illustrations thru Feb. 23; 925-5917.

I.D.E.A. at Luna's Cafe - "Masks, Murals and Poetry", by Armando Cid, thru Feb. 18; 452-0949.

Lite Rail Gallery - Chinese Art Exhibit thru Feb. 28; 441-1013.

Lite Rail Gallery - "Chernobyl - Memories Not to Be Forgotten" thru Feb. 22; 441-1013.

Lite Rail Gallery, Rocklin - Elizabeth Solomon thru Feb. 28.

Matrix Gallery - Linnell Barnhart ceramic sculpture Feb. 6 thru March 8; 441-4818.

Matrix Gallery - Valerie T. Bechtol, Kim Springer and Sheila Pitt, a group show dealing with feminism and spirituality Feb. 6 thru March 8; 441-4818.

Crocker Art Museum - Explorations thru March 1; 449-5423.

Shenandoah Gallery - "Winter Show" featuring the work of Molly Kohlschreiber thru March 25; 209-245-4455.

Crocker Art Museum - Howard Finster "The Road to Heaven is Paved with Good Works" thru March 31; 449-5423.

Lite Rail Gallery - exhibition featuring Sacramento's finest cartoonists thru March 30.

Lite Rail Gallery, Rocklin - Beverly Couper March 1-30.

THEATRE

Nevada Theatre - Daddy's Birthday - starts Feb. 1; 456-2861.

The March - Beyond Brooklyn - thru March 9; 415-641-0235.

Miriam Gray's Acting Studio - Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune - thru Feb. 15; 443-3188.

Theatre Rhinoceros - Hidden: A Gender - thru Feb. 16; 415-861-5079.

Eureka Theatre Co. - The Mystery of Irma Vep- thru Feb. 17; 415-558-9898.

Climate Theatre - Will It Pop? A Trilogy for Late-Night Neurotics Feb. 7-23; 415-626-9196.

Lambda Players - Cloud Nine - Feb. 9-March 3; 442-0185.

The Magic Theatre - Temptation - Feb. 12-March 17; 415-441-8001.

Lambda Players - Cloud Nine - Feb. 9-March 3; 442-0185.

The Magic Theatre - Temptation - Feb. 12-March 17; 415-441-8001.

CSUS Theatre Arts Department - Guys and Dolls - Feb. 22-March 10; 278-6604 for ticket info.

Sacramento Theatre Co. - The Good Person of Setzuan - Feb. 26-March 24; 446-6722.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre - The Crucifer of Blood - thru March 2; 985-6361.

Carmichael Civic Theatre - Bully Teddy's Wonderful World thru March 9; 489-6880.

Riverboat Delta King - Shticks and Stones - thru March 23; 444-KING.

Chautauqua Playhouse - Back-to-Back - Feb. 15 thru March 24; 489-7529.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre March 8-April 20 - Crossing Delancey; 985-6361.